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Altona Tennis Juniors Win Finals

For the third successive year Altona has won the Junior Section No. 1 Boys Pennant of the Western Suburbs Tennis Association and for the first time in club history an Altona Junior Girls' team has won a premiership — the Section 3 pennant.

Both teams did not lose a match throughout the season and both were favourites for the finals which they won decisively by taking all sets last Saturday morning. Set scores were 4-0, 4-0.

Final games scores were: Boys, Altona defeated Youth Club 7/4, 7/3, 7/3, 7/2 — 28 games to 12;

Girls, Altona defeated Kingsville 7/2, 7/5, 7/3, 7/6 — 28 games to 16.

The junior boys were led by young captain John Trickey who at 13 years of age has played in the winning team for the last three years.

He was partnered by 15 year old "Sparky" Sutton (son of Footscray Football Club coach, Charlie Sutton).

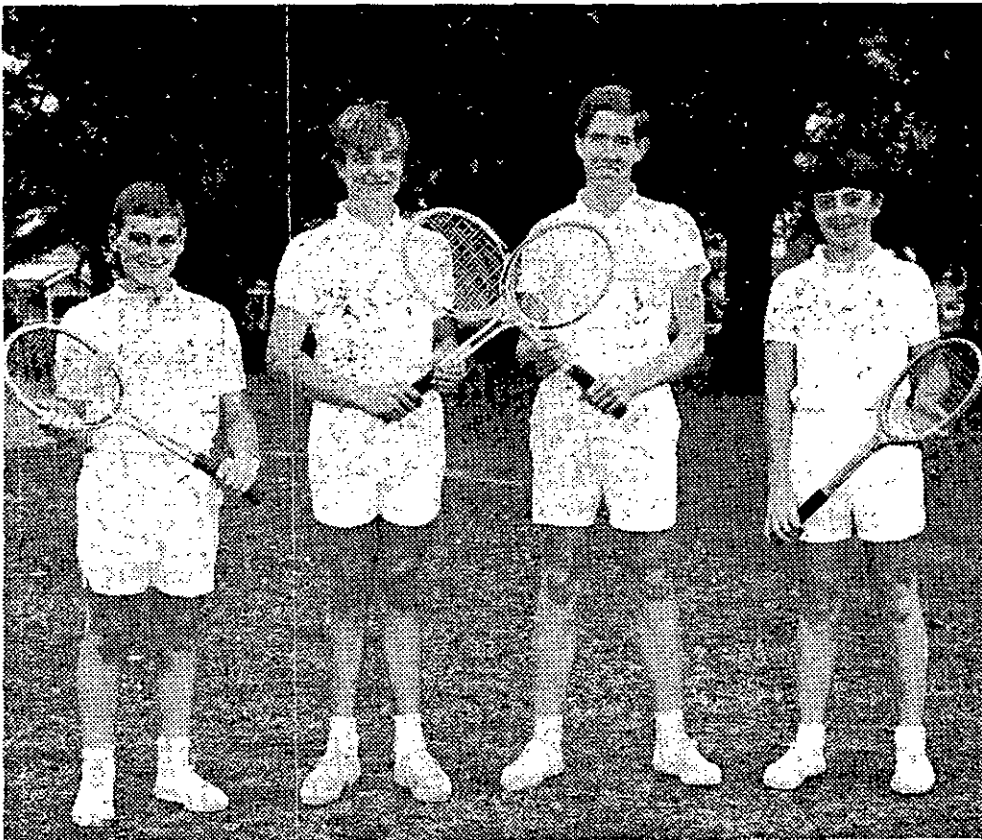
The other pair in the team are 15 year old Rex Snowling who was in last year's winning team and Jeff Woods (15 years) a player from last year's boys No. 2 team.

The girls team was captained by 15 year old Jill Critchley playing with 13 year old Helen Shields.

Fourteen year old Lyndsey Smith and Robyn Webb played together as the other pair in this team.

All Altona senior and junior tennis teams played in the respective final series but the only other team to reach the grand final was the B2 Senior team who were defeated by Newport.

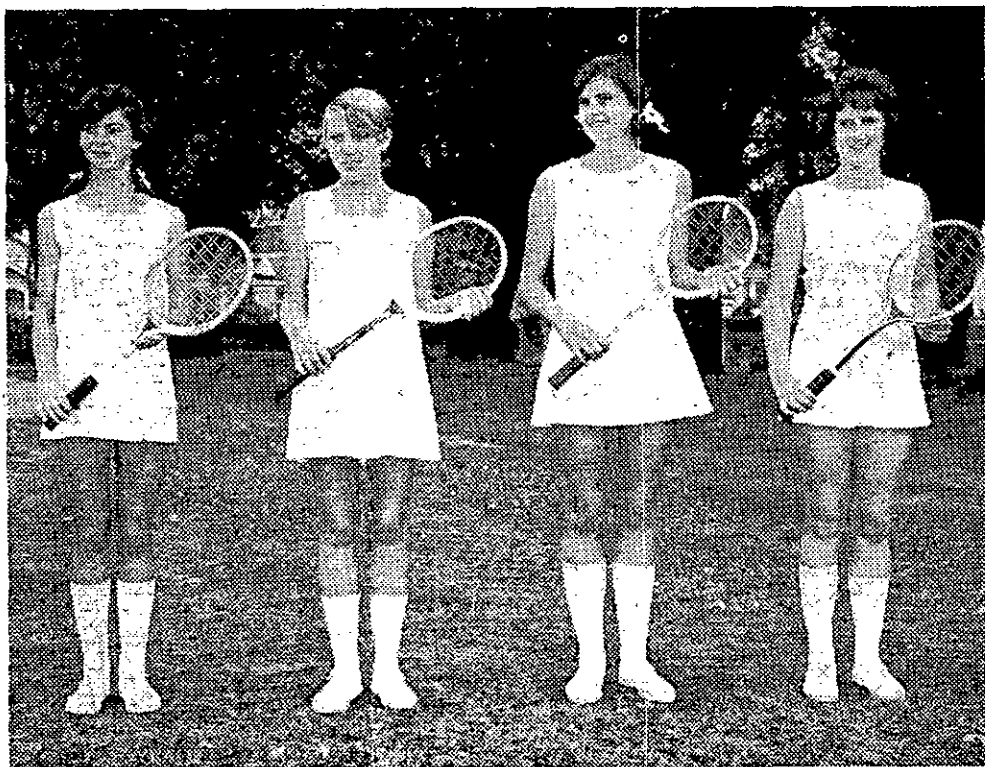
This team—David White (captain), Graham Russell, John Trickey (Jnr.), Marlene Orchard, Sue Morrow and Diane Stephenson — tried hard but were outclassed by the more experienced Newport team.



Altona Boys No. 1 team (left to right) "Sparky" Sutton, John Trickey, Rex Snowling and Jeff Woods.

(Photo by Barry Sutton — 397 6017)

FIRST EVER PENNANT WIN FOR JUNIOR GIRLS



Altona Girls No. 1 team (left to right) Robyn Webb, Lyndsey Smith, Jill Critchley, and Helen Shields.

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RATES ARE DUE

Ratepayers wishing to avoid paying interest on rates due to the Shire of Altona have only until Wednesday of next week, April 10, to settle their accounts.

The Civic Offices are open 8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. weekdays.

From next Thursday interest will be charged on all unpaid rates and will date back to last December when the current rates were due.

EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION MAY 4

Cr. G. den Dulk, JP, handed his letter of resignation to the shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, and such takes effect from 9 a.m. on Friday last, March 29.

The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, JP, in accordance with the Local Government Act provisions, has specified that the election will take place on Saturday, May 4, 1968.

The returning officer, Mr. J. W. Waters (shire secretary), has announced that nominations will close with him or his deputy at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 18.

The successful candidate will have to retire, due to effluxion of time, in August this year and face the electors on August 24.

PREMIERS FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR

PUBLIC NOT TO BE DENIED BEACH ACCESS

If and when the people want it, an appropriate walkway or foot-bridge will be provided across the mouth of the Altona West drain.

The 300 ft. wide drainage outlet will run through the Explosives Reserve to the Bay.

Work has already commenced on the project which has been approved by the Port Phillip Authority — a new Board set up to control works on the foreshore around the bay.

However the Authority sought Altona Council's comments on the need for the provision of an appropriate walkway or foot-bridge across the mouth of the drain so that there would be no impediment to pedestrian traffic along the beach at the outlet point.

As a possible guide to Council, the Authority mentioned that it holds the view at this stage, and until the area previously occupied as the Explosives Reserve is developed along the lines indicated by the Council, a walkway or footbridge is unnecessary and perhaps even undesirable.

At their last meeting Council decided to provide a crossing if and when requested by Ratepayers.

SHIRE OR CITY

The Committee elected by Altona Council to enquire into the advantages and disadvantages of changing the Shire status to that of City is about to take evidence.

Ratepayers have until April 11 to make a written application to express verbal opinions to the Committee. Or if desired they can lodge their opinions in writing.

Members of the Committee are Crs. W. L. J. Crofts, H. Weaver and D. K. Grant.

Cr. den Dulk's Resignation Leaves Several Vacancies

Several positions have been left vacant by the resignation last week of Cr. G. den Dulk.

Positions he held were — Councillor — Portfolio of Public Relations; Convenor of Finance Committee; Altona North Technical School — Council Representative; Altona Elderly Citizens Welfare Committee — Council Representative; Western Municipalities Association — 1 of 3 Altona Council Reps. (Other two reps. are Cr. Burns and Cr. Bond).

Altona Development Outlined to Teachers

Mr. J. W. Waters, who has been secretary of the Shire of Altona since its inception, addressed the staff of the Altona Primary School last Thursday. He told of the development that has taken place over the past 10 years and indicated what could be expected in the near future.

Mr. Waters' talk kept the staff interested until 5 p.m. Following a suggestion by the shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, senior officers of the shire will visit the school to talk to senior pupils about the duties of a municipal council.

The school is grateful for the co-operation given by the council and its officers.

ALTONA WINS CRICKET TITLE

Altona Cricket Club's A Turf side in the Williamstown, Altona and Footscray District Cricket Association, won the 1967-68 premiership on Sunday when they defeated Newport ANA by five wickets.

This is Altona's second A Grade title, the previous one being won in the 1965-66 season.

Altona's other two teams in grand finals of B and C Grade were defeated.

Altona made history this year, as this is the first time any club has had a team in the grand final of all senior grades.

• See details Page 9.

Small Fire in Small Barbecue Cost \$160

It was only a small fire, but it cost an Altona North resident who appeared in Williamstown Court last week \$160 for lighting it on a total fire ban day.

Rocko Baondino, of Millers-rd, Altona North, pleaded guilty to the charge of lighting the fire. Const. G. McMahon, of Altona, told the Court he went to Baondino's home at 10-55 a.m. on February 18, and saw him working in the garden.

He asked Baondino if he had a fire burning in an incinerator. Baondino invited him to come around to the back of the house where he saw a small barbecue with a small fire in it.

Defendant said he had lit the fire that day and that he knew there was a fire ban, but he was being very careful.

There was nothing inflammable around the barbecue and no wind at the time, the weather was just very hot said the constable.

Asked for an explanation, Baondino said, through an interpreter, that it was only a small fire and he would not do it again.

The Justices of the Peace sitting on the Bench, Messrs. F. Lovegrove (chairman), M. Robertson and A. L. Stevenson, fined Baondino \$150 with \$10 costs.

They allowed a stay of two months.

Deputation to Minister of Transport Sought

Following a letter sent by Altona Council, Mr. W. L. Floyd, M.L.A. for Williamstown, replied: "I have received your letter seeking a deputation to the Minister of Transport (Hon. V. Wilcox, M.P.) on the several matters associated with the Newport/Altona service and also conditions at Paisley and Galvin railway stations.

Your request has been forwarded to the Minister with several other minor matters and I will let you know further developments as soon as possible."

EDITORIAL

A GREAT NEED

Altona has some 3000 young people between the ages of 15 and 21.

Some of them are students. Some are employed in industry, commerce and education.

All have leisure on their hands. All have the need for pastimes, amusement and social activities.

Sufficient facilities for such cannot be found in Altona. The churches, youth clubs and sporting bodies are doing all they can. But the greater number are not reached by them. Occasionally dances at available halls are limited in scope and effectiveness.

To find healthy amusement very many of Altona's young people travel to other suburbs to picture shows, dances and discos.

We do not go all the way with our columnist, who insists that Altona has far to go from being a city because of this weakness.

We believe our council with all its goodwill to our young people has not the present means to provide their needs, of an ample meeting place.

But Altona Shire Council has not neglected its young people. Its two fine youth halls, its sporting areas and facilities, its Altona Youth Council are achievements of which any city could be proud.

We agree, however, there is a need for a suitable and sufficient hall, and that it is the duty of the council to do all it can to see that this large sector of the community is not permanently disadvantaged.

Private commercial interests have made no significant moves. When they do it is to be hoped that councillors will meet them halfway.

WINTER PENNANT TENNIS

All winter pennant players of the Altona Tennis Club are reminded to assist this weekend to prepare the courts for competition play.

Please contact the Secretary for details.

BUS SERVICE MAY BE EXTENDED

Altona Council will support application to the Transport Regulation Board for extension of the Newport-Brooklyn bus service.

The application is to extend the bus route from the corner of Blackshaws and Freemans Road, Brooklyn, to the corner of Blackshaws Road and Knapp Street, Brooklyn via Blackshaws Road with the ability to operate a turning procedure via Knapp, Binns Streets and Freemans Road to normal route.

Boating Facilities to be Discussed

A firm of consulting engineers will meet the general purposes committee of Altona Shire Council to discuss ideas for developing facilities for the boating population.

The engineers, R. L. James & J. B. Wallace & Partners, were advised to contact Altona Council by Mr. Molloy, chairman of the Port Phillip Authority.

They wrote—

"We write to you concerning development on the old explosives reserve. From the description Mr. Molloy gave us, it appears that an inland body of water can be formed with access to the sea by a canal.

"This could be an exciting creation as there is great need for such a body of water on the western shore of the Bay to provide facilities for the ever increasing boat population, and in addition the excavated material can be used to raise the level of the low lying ground, thus creating potential recreation, leisure and resort areas.

"Both in Australia and New Zealand, we have had experience in land development involving foreshore works, marinas and recreation facilities along with the essential services which accompany such schemes.

"We would be very pleased to visit you and, without obligation, discuss your schemes with you."

Records Broken in School Cricket

Altona East Primary School's First XI, after losing the previous three matches, struck form in great style, last week.

They gained the record number of 2/124 last Friday when they defeated Altona North 9/50. Outstanding individual batting performances of 50 runs by Joe Herman was a further record, the previous batting record having been held by Kevin Brophy, who made 39 runs last year. Kevin put up a good performance on Friday in scoring 37 runs, before being run out.

Mark Richards took two wickets in three overs for a total of three runs. Gregory Kidd took the best catch of the day.

In the cricket Second XI, Altona East was also successful by scoring a total of 115 runs to Altona North's 19. Best for Altona East was wicketkeeper Bruce Layton (captain), who hit a six amongst his score of 31.

Altona East has been undefeated in the softball.

Both teams won well against Altona North on Friday. Scores were—

First IX, 35-6; Second IX, 32-24. Pina Santoro was outstanding.

Only one match remains to be played against Newport West, another undefeated team. This match will determine the top team of the district.

WHO RAISED HOSPITAL CHARGES?

You know, of course, that charges went up recently for hospital patients.

This is an unpopular move—one which any hospital hates to make. Why, then, did charges go up? Why didn't they stay the same? Who is responsible?

Hospital charges went up because of the 168-hour week. When you need the Footscray and District Hospital at 2 a.m., or on a Sunday or holiday, the staff is ready! The doors never close—the week covers every minute of 168 hours.

Hospital charges went up because of person-to-person care and service. While industry adopts automation to save money, the hospital continues with the reassuring personal service which is needed by patients. Because of this person-to-person relationship between patients and hospital employees, it takes approximately 600 of them to care properly for our patients, and 67% of our annual budget going into their salaries. Automation isn't for us, because who wants a robot instead of a nurse?

Hospital charges went up because of highly skilled staff. At Footscray and District Hospital today it takes a team to restore a patient to health as quickly and painlessly as possible. Many members of this hospital team were unknown one or two decades ago, and patients got well only because of the dedicated and loving care given by the Medical and Nursing Staff available.

Today we have inhalation therapists, intravenous therapists, a team of resident doctors, nurses specially trained in life-saving specialities. A social worker, a whole physiotherapy team. Because of these, hospitalisation is shorter, recovery is more certain and more complete. Although this increases the cost of hospital care, who would want to save these dollars? Twenty years ago hospitals averaged about one employee per patient—today scientific advances mean more skilled staff. Today the hospital needs two to three people to every one patient.

This may shock you! But these are cold, hard facts as collected in our area quoting rates which they charge customers today, tonight and right now!

If a pipe bursts in your house tonight it will cost you \$5.95 an hour while it is being fixed. If your car got sick today and needed mechanical service, it would cost you \$4 per hour and up to double or triple and half for after hours and weekends, to have it repaired.

If you wake up tonight with an emergency illness it will cost you an average of 77c an hour while you are receiving care at Footscray and District Hospital. This care can start at midnight in the emergency room and continue all through your time as a patient. This 77c includes everything on the average patient's bill. It is more than bed and board. It is medicine and intravenous fluids, oxygen and laboratory tests, X-Rays and clean linen, anaesthesia, and recovery room care, skilled nursing and care from our resident doctors, and many other services. All of this is 77c an hour, at any hour of the day or night. Isn't it a bargain?

Church Notices

BAPTIST

Sargood Street, Altona.

Cordially welcomes you to all meetings.

Services: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Communion: First Sunday morning and Third Sunday evening.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Christian Endeavour.

2.30 p.m.: Intermediate Christian Endeavour.

7 p.m.: Evening Service.

Minister—Pastor R. J. Reynolds, 62 Blyth Street, Altona. Telephone: 65-8829.

CATHOLIC

St. Mary's

Railway Street, Altona.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m.

Holy Days: 7, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

First Fridays: 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

First Friday (Maltese): 4 and 5.30 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Nooney, P.P. Rev. Father M. Kelleher, St. Mary's Presbytery, Railway Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8964.

St. Joseph's Convent, Sargood Street, Altona. Telephone 65-8886.

Queen of Peace Laverton.

Masses.

Sundays: 7.30, 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

First Fridays: 6.15 p.m.

Week Days: Thursdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Confessions.

Eve of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Eve of First Fridays: 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Father V. Rubeo, Ulm Street, Laverton, 68 0260.

St. Leo's

Corner Mason Street and Fourth Avenue, Altona North.

Masses.

Sunday: 7.30, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Confessions.

Saturday: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Rev. Father J. Kierce, P.P., Rev. Father M. Sultana, Rev. Father G. Calleja, St. Leo's Presbytery, 315 Mason-st., Altona North, 3025. Telephone: 391-3219.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St. Eanswythe's Queen Street, Altona.

VICAR—The Rev. John Lawley, The Vicarage, 7 Bent Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1005.

9.30 a.m.: Community Service and Harvest Festival Service.

Sunday Services.

8 a.m.: Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m.: Holy Communion (first, third and fifth Sundays).

Matins (second and fourth Sundays).

7 p.m.: Evensong.

Sunday School. Sundays at 9.30 a.m.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND St. Luke's

Cnr. Blackshaws and Millers Roads, Altona North.

Holy Eucharist.

Sunday: 8 and 9.30 a.m.

Sunday School: 9.30 a.m.

VICAR—The Rev. U. Townsend, 300 Blackshaws Road, Altona North. Telephone 391-3096.

MARTIN LUTHER CONGREGATION MELBOURNE

25 The Broadway, Altona.

Welcomes you to Services every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

MINISTER—Pastor H. Blasius. Telephone 391-2600.

METHODIST

Seves Street, Altona.

Sunday.

Sunday School: 9.45 a.m.

11 a.m. and 7 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. John C. Adamthwaite, 109 Queen Street, Altona. Telephone: 398-1765.

Cnr. Marion Street and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Divine Worship.

Goble Street, Laverton.

(Held in Church of England Hall, Goble Street, Laverton.)

3 p.m.: Divine Worship.

MINISTER—Rev. A. D. McGregor, 61 Synott Street, Werribee. Telephone: Werribee 116.

PRESBYTERIAN

241 Civic Parade, Altona.

Student Minister: Mr. Bert Edwards, Home Missionary.

Sunday Services.

9.15 a.m.: Young Church and worship.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8, 9 and 10: 7 a.m.

Easter Week Devotions (20 mins.).

Thursday, April 11: 7.30 p.m., Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Rev. A. J. Absalom.

10.30 a.m.: Divine Worship.

Sacrament of Baptism at the 9.15 a.m. Service.

Congregational meeting at 7.45 p.m. on Friday, March 29.

Student Minister, Mr. Bert Edwards.

Session Clerk: Mr. F. S. Thorpe, 30 Belmar Ave., 3018.

9 Paringa Road, Altona North.

11 a.m.: Worship Service.

League of Young Worshipers share in the Worship from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

MINISTER—Mr. W. A'Drain, The Manse, 11 Paringa Road, Altona North. Telephone 314-5179.

Civic Parade, Altona.

Sunday.

8.30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting.

9.30 a.m.: Sunday School—Combined Sunday School at the Queen Street Hall (Primary and Junior).

Sunday.

11 a.m.: Holiness Meeting, Queen Street Hall.

7 p.m.: Salvation Meeting, Queen Street Hall.

Wednesday.

3.30 p.m.: Children's Club, (Civic Parade Hall).

Thursday.

2 p.m.: Women's Home League, Cadet Neville W. Tyson, Telephone 398-1750.

St. Clement's

First Sunday in the month.

Family Service.

VICAR—Rev. Eric Weber, St. Thomas Church, Werribee.

Goble Street, Laverton.

SALVATION ARMY

Queen Street, Altona.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Parish Eucharist.

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Review of 1967-68 Season in Life Saving

The culmination of this year's Altona Life Saving Club season will come with the presentation of club awards to be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, May 4.

Although this year's season was not as successful overall as the previous season, Altona had its fair share of first places.

The club will be competing in B Grade next year and to keep ready for the premiership in B Grade Altona will continue training throughout the winter, including the reel and line and bronze medallion training and weekly visits to an indoor swimming baths.

Before the season actually got under way competitively, the club had such activities as a film night, several car trials and two cabarets.

Early in October training schedules were mapped out and the sub-committees within the life saving club prepared for the coming season.

The first actual carnival was an indoor competition at the City Baths, held on November 1, and it was also noted that many junior members were attending training nights.

The club, as well as attending carnivals at swimming baths, also participated in many around the Bay as far away as Frankston and even sent a team to one carnival held on the Murray River at Mildura.

With regard to training, many members obtained life saving awards such as safe-swimmer, survival, bronze medallion and reel and line. Many awards were also gained by juniors in the learn to swim classes conducted by the club.

A notable contribution towards club activities was made by the Social Committee who donated money for purchasing of a life like ambu-manikin resuscitation machine to assist life saving training.

The Kiosk, an important part of the fund raising machinery of the club had a good trade throughout the year and enabled the Women's Auxiliary Committee a little respite from work, although all this little band of members are to be thanked for their continued good work.

Throughout the season full patrols were kept on all week-ends and public holidays and it is good to once again report that while life-savers were on duty no fatalities occurred.

In December Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Hazeldine were honoured with Associate Membership Awards of the Royal Life Saving Society of Victoria.

One of Altona's good wins for the season was on December 9 at the junior carnival at South Melbourne, when Altona won the aggregate.

Operation Beach Clean continued and members discovered many new hazards on the beach, in the form of disposable cans and "one-way" bottles.

During the Christmas and holiday period members were busy with rescues on patrols, with rafts and rubber toys being the villains in many necessary rescues.

As previously mentioned, Altona sent a team to Mildura and won the March Past event and closely missed out on winning the aggregate.

During midseason, the senior men's reel and line team qualified for the Victorian Championships at the Frankston carnival, and later in the season the senior women's and junior boys teams also qualified, which created a club record and was the highlight of the season.

In March the life saving club sent a representative to march in the Moomba Parade and hopes to do so again next year.

These were just a few of the activities conducted and from this one can see that life saving is well worth supporting.

Life Savers Special Effort

Winners of the Altona Life Saving Club's fifth special effort are as follows—

1st: 63, K. Mitchell; 2nd: 91, Mr. Harvey 3rd: 177, K. Fitzgibbon.

No Stock Grazing on Altona Sports Park

The shire council has refused to allow any stock grazing on Altona Sports Park.

The sports park was the old Williamstown racecourse. Mr. G. J. Hobbs of Civic Pde., Altona had asked the council: "I am writing with regard to the Shire Engineer's request that we remove our stock from the old Williamstown racecourse. We have been advised that the objection to grazing on this area is founded on concern for the small trees planted on the boundary fence of 'The Pines' Scout Camp."

We have leased 'The Pines' Scout Camp from the Scout Association, but due to the drought there is a shortage of feed on this property. For some time, we have been letting our stock graze on the course daily, returning it to the fenced area of 'The Pines' of a night.

No damage has occurred to the small trees to date as a result of our cattle grazing on the course. Should you allow us to continue grazing our cattle on the course, we would be willing to fence around the small trees."

His application was rejected.

COUNCIL PUSHES FOR ESTATE SHOPS

The shire council plans to push for shops to be built on the Wimpey Estate.

The council plans to write to the new owners of shop sites in the estate asking them their plans.

In August last, the council received a petition from residents who live in the Wimpey Estate requesting that steps be taken to establish a shop in their Estate.

In Ford Reserve which runs from Grieve Highway to Brook Drive, provision was made in the original plan of subdivision, and an appropriate amendment made to the Shire of Altona Planning Scheme 1958, for the provision of five shop sites and a service station site. Ford Road was constructed with a 20' set back for car parking outside the shops.

The Manager for Australia of George Wimpey and Co., advised at the time that a feasibility survey was being made to see if there was possibility of establishing a shop.

Some time ago, George Wimpey & Co. sold the shop sites to a private person and no indication has been given as to how many, or when shops will be erected.

DOOR-KNOCKS REFUSED

The shire council has rejected two applications to conduct charity door-knocks in Altona.

Door-knocks are against council policy.

The two were:— The Royal Women's Hospital Building Appeal — Chairman of Ladies' Committee, The Royal Women's Hospital: Seeking permission to conduct a house-to-house collection in Altona area on Sunday, June 23, between 12 noon and 4 p.m. to raise funds for women and babies who are cared for with sympathetic interest and support in the Royal Women's Hospital. Association for the Blind: Seeking permission to conduct a door knock on Sunday April 28, 1968, throughout the metropolitan area to raise funds for the 4,000 blind people in Victoria and the appeal aim is \$370,000.

GARBAGE CANS — WITH ADS.

Altona may get street garbage cans with ads on them. A firm called City Outdoor Advertising has put the idea to the shire council, and the council's staff & planning committee is examining it.

The firm wrote to the council:—

"The council is requested to consider an application by the above mentioned firm which is interested in providing your council with the replacement or addition of garbage receptacles for no charge whatsoever. Any number of receptacles will be placed in whatever position the council suggests and shall be maintained in a reasonable condition at our expense. We are prepared to be guided by the council in selection of the rubbish tins and will be prepared to discuss details of type, shape and size. We will, if the council deems fit, provide a slogan suggesting that the suburb should be kept clean and will again be guided by the council in its selection.

In return, we wish to have the sole right of selling advertising space on the receptacle. The council of course, would be required to provide the normal service of collecting the garbage. A representative of this firm will be prepared to demonstrate and discuss any aspects and details of this offer at the next suitable council meeting. If you wish, a sample receptacle will be shown and demonstrated at the meeting."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,
Your reporting on the resignation of Cr. den Dulk and the work he has done for Altona, the time he has given and the financial cost to him, points to the best reasons why I do not like knackers.

If Mr. Jeavons is referring to me as one of the letter-writers, in their letters, he reads an intense dislike for Mr. Milnehall, he is wrong.

I do not know the man and do not dislike him, but I do dislike his letters which are apparently written after a lot of research into dictionaries, old history books, etc., to find disparaging remarks and I'm sorry to say his letters in your paper have been as unabridged as his dictionary.

As he firstly used the word "dogmatic" as an adjective, the meaning in that case is "positive" and as I have said before "positive" means "confident in opinion."

I suggest he changes his dictionary. A simple version would give him a less complicated explanation.

Also I would like to say something which I have kept silent on for a long time.

As a Labor voter I did not speak on it before in case one or two of the correspondents would twist things to suit their knocking campaign. I do not think that it is right that a man who gives his time to a town in the capacity of a councillor should also be out of pocket, because of work hours lost in doing council business.

There should be some fund from which they can be recompensed.

Yours sincerely,
VERA V. WELLS.

CRB EXAMINES SITE FOR 'ALTONA' SIGN

The Country Roads Board is examining the best site for a sign pointing to Altona where Millers Rd. joins the Princes Highway (Geelong Rd.), the shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons, says.

With regards to access to Altona from Princes Highway near Laverton, the Country Roads Board considers the route that leads northerly along High St., easterly along Railway Avenue, southerly along Merton Street and then easterly along Queen Street is a satisfactory route, he says.

There appears to be adequate signing in Princes Highway and along the route. An alternative route, which is generally used by regular travellers, is northerly along Aviation Road, westerly along Triholm Avenue, southerly along Cooraminta Avenue over the new overpass and thence easterly along Central Avenue and Queen Street.

The Board does not favour this route as excessive traffic would then pass through the

News Around Town

Millers Road Bridge —

Concrete foundation work has been completed at the northern abutment and at Piers 1, 3 and 4.

The driving of concrete piles was completed at Piers 5 and 6. Columns were completed at the northern abutment and at Piers 3, 4 and 5 and the cross-head poured on Pier 4.

Steel shell piles are required at Pier 7 and at the southern abutment.

Resealing —

Kororoit Creek Road,

The section of Kororoit Ck. Road between Maidstone St. and Grieve Highway has been resurfaced by the Country Rds. Board.

Resurfacing —

Resurfacing of Edward Avenue and Conway Court with emulsion slurry is being undertaken by Albion Reid.

School Crossing for Altona

West Primary School —

A school crossing was provided across Belmar Avenue west of Brook Drive. The location of the crossing was fixed after consultation with the Head Master of the school.

Foreshore —

The outlet drain near Romawi Street has been strengthened by packing stone around the haunches of the pipes and spreading granitic sand in the vicinity. The beach west of the pier has built up appreciably in the last 12 months.

Purnell St, Robin St, Emu

Pde., Lark St, Kookaburra

St, Somers Pde., Cobham St.,

Finch St. and Bell Ave. —

Private St. Scheme No. 94 —

Levelling of nature strips is in progress.

Millers Road, Divided Road-

ways —

The construction of kerb and channelling and concrete kerbing south of Kororoit Creek Rd. has been completed.

Cement stabilised fine crushed rock was spread and consolidated; the first layer of bituminous concrete is about to be spread.

Excavation of the road bed and spreading of crushed rock for the base course was completed at the north-west and south-east corner of the intersection of Millers and Kororoit Ck. Roads and along portion of the new western roadway north of Kororoit Creek Road.

Construction of kerb and channelling in these sections is about to be undertaken.

Shrubs near the north-east corner of the intersection are being transplanted prior to excavation work at this corner.

Conduits have been laid for new traffic lights at the intersection. Every effort is being made to have the traffic signals installed as soon as possible.

CUBS AND SCOUTS ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to the following Cubs who have just been transferred to Scouts:— Trevor Mondon, Andrew Cox, Ashley Breiten, Ian Kell.

Many happy days in Scouts boys.

There will be a "Beetle night" at Mrs. V. Chapman's home, at 257 Blackshaws Road, North Altona, on Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m.

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Laverton shopping area. Further it is claimed that Central Avenue (the continuation of Queen Street west of Merton Street) was not designed to carry through traffic to Altona.

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M.H.R. Welcomes Earthquake Victims



Mr. Merv Lee, MHR for Lalor, welcoming two little earthquake victims upon their arrival at Melbourne Airport. Pina (aged 4) and Mario (aged 7) recently arrived from Sicily with their mother and Father, Michael and Maria Nicolino. Mr. Lee represented the Minister for Immigration (Mr. B. M. Snedden) when welcoming the first party of migrants from Sicily. Most of these migrants lost all their possessions in the recent earthquake and have since been living in tents or temporary shelters.

GOLFERS ANNOY HOCKEY PLAYERS

Golfers are annoying the hockey players in Altona.

The Altona Hockey Club has written to the shire council, saying: "The people who are using the Hockey Grounds as a golf course are causing this Club great concern, for the damage that they are doing at the moment whilst the grounds are in such dry conditions, cannot be repaired. If the Council could consider erecting a notice to deter golfers using the grounds until they improve, this would be greatly appreciated by the members of this Club."

The Shire secretary, Mr. Waters said the council's reserves by-law prohibits the playing of ball games within 100' of boundaries of reserves and buildings adjacent to or on such reserves.

However, Clause 3 of the by-law states — "The council may set apart any portion of the reserves for the purpose of any lawful games or sports and from time to time grant to any club or association of clubs, the use of the grounds so set apart upon such terms and conditions as it may deem to be reasonable and consistent with this by-law."

Except with the written permission of the council previously had and obtained, no person shall at any time, play or practice cricket, football, golf, hockey, baseball or other ball games within an area of 100 feet from any boundary of, or any building on the reserve."

The playing of golf on any council reserve is prohibited. The matter will be referred to the council's Ranger and Prosecuting Officer for inspection and attention, but the erection of appropriate signs on this and other reserves could probably deter unauthorised users. The signs could read—"Ball Games Prohibited within 100 feet of Buildings and Boundaries. Horses Prohibited. Dogs not on Leashes Prohibited."

The council's parks and garden's committee is examining the complaint.

MOBILE FIRST-AID UNIT FOR ALTONA

Late last year the initial steps were taken to form a Mobile First-Aid Unit in Altona.

The local division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade approached headquarters and was advised that an initial supply of equipment could be obtained from Civil Defence on an application through the local council.

The Shire Council was asked to make the necessary application at their meeting in December. Due to the holiday period and then the postal strike there were some delays. About half of the equipment arrived last week just in time for five members of the squad to attend a training camp at Portsea.

The Victorian Government has recognised the St. John Ambulance Brigade Search and Rescue section as a very important part of the State's Civil Defence Network and regards it as an "Essential Service." Additionally, six rescue vehicles and approximately \$60,000 worth of equipment has been supplied to the Search and Rescue section to enable them to function on a sound basis. Recognised as an "Essential Service," the Search and Rescue Squads are permitted to move freely through Police road blocks at a disaster area.

The Search and Rescue Squad Members, who are highly trained in first aid, receive further training in the following fields: Communications, Map Reading and Navigation, Ropes and their application to search and rescue, Cliff Rescue, Physical fitness, Civil Defence, Health and Hygiene in the Field, Bushfire Survival and Rescue.

When first formed, the squads are known as Mobile First Aid Units, who back up and assist Search and Rescue Squads in the case of bushfires, searches and rescues.

After a preliminary period of stringent training taking about 12 months, the Mobile Squads are given the full title of St. John Ambulance Brigade Search and Rescue Squad.

The camp at Portsea over the weekend of 22nd to 24th March was part of this training.

The Altona squad was recognised as a new unit and although

expected to operate as a unit whenever possible, was attached to experienced squads for further training. The unit was indeed fortunate to be camped between Frankston and Waverley, two very experienced squads. As the Altona radios had not arrived, Waverley provided the unit with a radio. Instruction was given to the Altona Radio Operator by an experienced man from the Ringwood Squad. Frankston came to the unit's aid with the loan of a prism compass.

Exercises in map reading and radio communication were carried out effectively on Saturday morning. The major exercise carried out during Saturday afternoon proved exhausting for Altona members. But they acquitted themselves well, treating quite a number of "casualties" under the guidance of the Waverley and Boronia Basin Squads. The night exercise was another valuable phase of the training.

For the cliff rescue segment the unit was again attached to Waverley, perhaps the most experienced and certainly the best equipped for this work. Several Altona members went "down the side".

It is hoped that a bigger squad will be available for the next training camp. In the mean time training will continue here in Altona each week and some members have indicated that they will be undertaking specialist courses at St. John Head Quarters during the year.

Both the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the Search and Rescue section are run on a voluntary basis and every man must provide his own finance to purchase uniforms and first aid equipment. Only the bare essentials have been supplied by Civil Defence. Much equipment will have to be found locally if this new squad is to become really proficient and efficient.

BRAILLE AUXILIARY PROPOSED

An Altona resident interested in the work of the Braille Library of Victoria is anxious to establish a fund-raising auxiliary for the library in Altona.

This little known, but much used, library in Commercial-rd., Prahran, houses the largest collection of Braille books in Australia — approximately 7000 of them — in 30,000 volumes.

The staff is both blind and sighted. Six totally blind people work in the building — two of them are teachers who travel to the State borders to teach those who have lost their sight, bringing comfort and hope distilled from their own experience as people once sighted.

The other four are skilled proof readers, who check the Braille work sent in by the voluntary transcribers — without whose work the library would not exist.

As readers may know, Louis Braille, a Frenchman born in the early 19th century, invented the system which bears his name. Basically, a system of raised dots is substituted for the letters of the alphabet, and this, using abbreviations, makes possible the translation of print into Braille.

The sheets of Braille are bound by hand by auxiliary workers who meet in the Braille Hall of the library two or three times a month. This is an operation which involves sewing the pages before binding in hard covers.

A great range of books is thus prepared, covering fiction and non-fiction. Students often call on the library for aid, and examination papers are also in Braille.

Books are supplied post free to hundreds of blind people in Australia. Here State boundaries cease to exist. Books are even sent to Malaysia to readers who have scant facilities in their own countries.

Mrs. J. Nowell, of 32 Seveston, Altona (398-1896) has become interested in the work of the library, and feels that, within the area covered by the "Altona Star" there may be some readers willing to join a fund-raising auxiliary for this unique and little known institution.

Mrs. Nowell would be very happy to have any interested person phone her, and she emphasises that this will be a homely, neighbourly effort — not a "social" affair.



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

Burdack-Dyer Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyer, of Romawi-st., Altona, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest son, Graham, to Jill, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Burdack, of Queen-st., Altona.

Carter-Driscoll Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. L. Carter, of James-st., Altona, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Shiffrin, to Mr. W. V. Driscoll, now of Flat 1, 6 Eldridge-st., Footscray, but previously of Grieve Highway, Altona.

BAKER-SCULLEY MARRIAGE



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Baker smiling happily after their marriage last Saturday at the Altona Presbyterian Church.

MISSIONS TO BE HELD AT ST. LUKE'S

Next Sunday there will be a Family Service at St. Luke's Church of England, Altona North, at 9.30 a.m.

The preacher will be the Victorian secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, the Rev. R. Butters, who has himself served as a missionary in New Guinea. The service will also include the admission of new Associates of the Church of England Boys' Society, and the blessing and distribution of palms.

The Vicar, the Rev. David Townsend, has resigned from the parish, following his appointment as Chaplain of St. Thomas' College, Ceylon. The College is an Anglican school for boys. His last Sunday at St. Luke's will be April 28, and he will commence his new work early in May.

INSPECTOR FOR ALTONA

An inspector will be in attendance at the Civic Hall on April 29-30 and May 1, at 8 p.m. to question the Birling family regarding their connections with a dead girl.

Such is the plot in J. B. Priestley's thrilling drama, "An Inspector Calls," to be presented on the above-mentioned dates by the Altona Drama Group.

The cast, Sue Nette, Patricia Nevitt, Barbara Freebody, Gerald Overton, Rex Jemmeson, Colin Hillman and Graeme Murdoch, have been rehearsing hard under the direction of producer Jack McGuckian.

Booking plans will be announced shortly.

Hanmer-Charman Engagement

About 170 guests were entertained at the Civic Hall, Altona, on Saturday, March 23, to celebrate the engagement of Joan Lorraine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hanmer, of Estelle-st., Altona North, to Maxwell Jeffrey, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Charman, of Whitehorse-rd., Blackburn. The couple plan to marry on May 18.

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St. Eanswythe's Young Wives

The Recreational Hall at the Altona Migrant Hostel was once again brightened on Tuesday, March 19, by an afternoon tea party for the Hostel ladies.

It was a little disappointing to find that the hostesses outnumbered the guests, but nevertheless there was plenty of fun playing "beetle" and plenty of delicious afternoon tea for all present.

At the March meeting the Textile Promotions demonstration proved most interesting. Members are reminded that items ordered on that night will be available at the next meeting.

Do not forget to think about questions for the Vicar's Question Box for the meeting next week, which will be Tuesday, April 9, in the Church Hall at 8 p.m.

Footscray Hospital's Pet Show

Some unusual entries have been received for the Footscray and District Hospital's Pet Show to be held in the grounds on Saturday, April 6.

There's poodles, rabbits, a duck, turkey, two snakes and a kangaroo, also a wide selection of cats.

Judging by Test Cricketer Les Joslin, Miss Footscray (Sue Smallwood) and Weathergirl Rosemary Margan will commence at 12.30 p.m.

Youngsters from all four corners of the Western Suburbs look forward to this day. Last year 160 pets competed to catch the eye of the judges and this year the job of picking the winner looks equally as hard.

On this day there is also the Hospital Annual Fete.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Marilyn Cynthia Joy O'Sullivan, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. J. O'Sullivan, of Salisbury-st., Newport, with Johan Schlenitz, formerly of Austria, will be celebrated at the Electra-st. Methodist Church, Williamstown, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. The reception will be held at Shirley Park Reception. Marilyn is the twin sister of Chris St. Nicholas.

ELDERLY CITIZENS MEET AT BALLARAT

More than 100 Altona members were among the 1000 elderly citizens at the jamboree at Ballarat on Monday of last week.

Entertainers from each club performed at the afternoon concert in the Civic Hall. Mrs. Parham and Mrs. Edwards, from Altona, were very well received. Last week members also provided items and the choir sang at the birthday party in the Altona clubrooms.

Mr. Dunlop had the honour of cutting the birthday cake. Cards and bowls will be played again at the clubhouse next Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m. For a donation of 35c supper will be provided and good prizes will be available.

Elderly Citizens Farewell den Dulk

Ex-Cr. G. den Dulk and his wife paid a farewell visit to the Altona Elderly Citizens Club last Thursday afternoon.

For the past five years Mr. den Dulk was president of the Elderly Citizens Welfare Committee, and did a great deal for the benefit of the Social Club.

Mrs. den Dulk drew the winners of a special effort run by the club. Mr. Bellenger, of the Esplanade, Altona, won the smoker's stand. Second prize, a toaster (ticket No. 581) was held by E. May Rowe, 101 Mills-st., Altona North; and Third Prize, a reading lamp (ticket No. 1915) went to Mrs. Woodworth, 75 Rose-st., Altona.

President of the social club, Mrs. Sutton, also Mr. Dickenson and Miss G. Luly expressed their appreciation of Mr. den Dulk's past assistance given to the Elderly Citizens and their sorrow at seeing the family leave the district.

Mrs. Johnstone presented a small gift to Mr. and Mrs. den Dulk. Mrs. Edwards (secretary), on behalf of members of the Social Club, wished the den Dulk good health, happiness and prosperity in their new venture at Nambour, Queensland.

PERSONAL PARS

The Governor in Council has appointed Cr. P. A. Burns as municipal nominee on the Committee of Management of Altona District Hospital for a term of three years as from March 5.

Miss Gwen Luly has been temporarily appointed in an honorary capacity as manager of the Altona Elderly Citizens Club.

The position became vacant on the death of Mr. Barry Primmall.

Miss Luly has undertaken these duties until council appoints a new manager.

After five years service Cr. A. W. Bond has retired as the Western Suburbs Council representative on the Victorian Civil Ambulance Board. His place has been taken by Cr. J. J. Ginnifer, MLA.

INSTALLATION OF PREFECTS AT TECH.

Prefects were invested at an installation ceremony at Altona North Technical School last Monday.

Visitors were welcomed by the principal, Mr. J. A. Douglas, who also introduced the school captain, Graeme Leigh.

Graeme read the declaration for prefects and seniors at the school. Seniors are the students in the school's top form.

Badges were presented to the students by the shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee.

Prefects are as follows—

Graeme Leigh (School Captain), Derek Hendry (Vice-Captain), Colin Cass (Vice-Captain).

FORM 5: John Butkiewicz, Peter Euinton, John Gerrard, John Gilham, Gary Hartman, Michael Lampard, Paul Sfetkidis.

FORM 4: Ray Boyd, Geoffrey Carruthers, Barry Hawkrige, John Puopolo, Peter Woods.

Senior students are—

Joseph Basinski, Russell Bentley, Brian Bowman, Robert Bozovich, John De Lorenzo, Harold Despott, Garry Eagland, Stephen Fellows, Wolfgang

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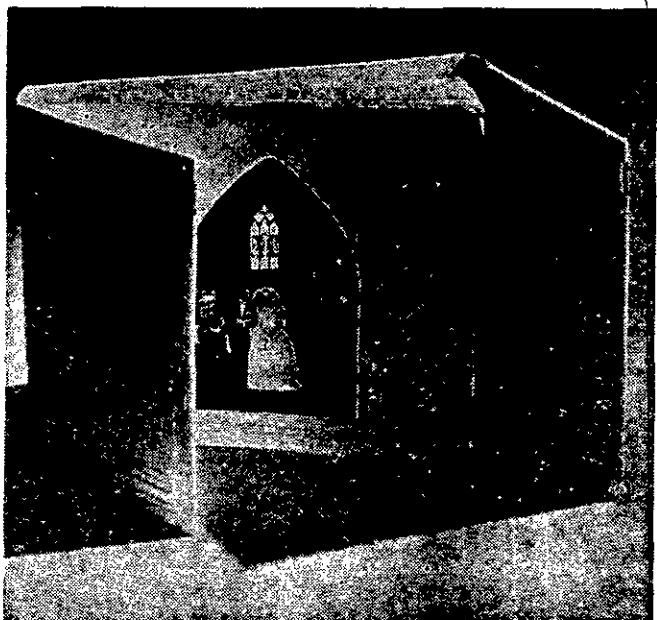
Stableford was contested by Koorringal Golf Club Associates on Tuesday, April 2, and results are as follows—

A GRADE: Mrs. F. King (20), 32 points.

B GRADE: Mrs. C. Codsworth (25), 38 points, on a countback from Mrs. M. Herrick (30).

C GRADE: Mrs. V. Strachan (31), 37 points, on a countback from Mrs. J. Coburn (35).

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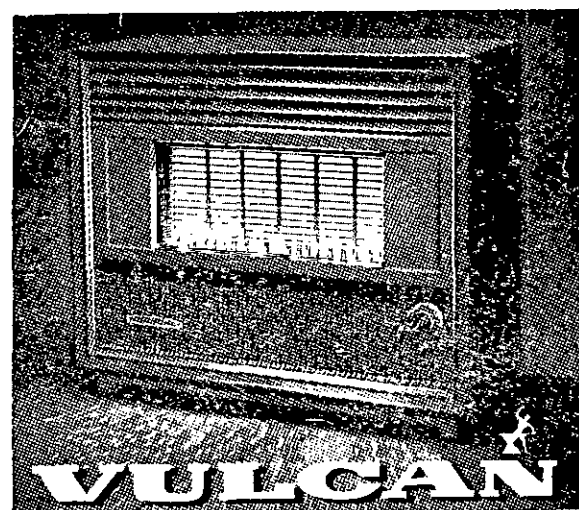
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BOAT OWNERS FINED

A number of boat owners were fined for offences under the Motor Boating Act at Williamstown Court last week.

Thomas Bentley, of Millers-rd., Altona North, was fined \$10 for failing to have approved life jackets for each person on board his boat. Also \$10 for failing to have all the essential equipment. He was intercepted by the Motor Boating Squad in Hobsons Bay on August 14.

Harold William Hepburn, of Albert Park, was fined \$20 for exceeding the speed limit in the Marina at Williamstown on December 26.

Fined for exceeding the speed limit on the Yarra River was Noel Caston, of Kew.

Guiseppe Canatti, of Fitzroy, was fined \$10 for failing to have the registration number on his boat and \$10 for not having a fire extinguisher on board on November 3.

Ivor Ignase, of Brighton, was fined \$25 for doing 25 mph in a 10 mph area in Hobsons Bay on December 26.

Frederick James Armitage, of Sunshine, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 for exceeding the 10 mph speed limit in Hobsons Bay on December 26.

Failed to Give Way to Right

A collision at the corner of Queen and Maidstone-sts., Altona, brought a fine of \$15 with \$5 costs for the driver who failed to give way to the right.

Brian Milhench, of Ascot-st., Laverton, pleaded guilty to this charge in Williamstown Court last week.

Mrs. Amanda Zorba, of Ardeer, told the Court she was driving south in Maidstone-st., Altona, on September 15 last year. At Queen-st. she slowed down and was crossing the street when she saw a car coming from her left. She tried to stop but could not avoid the collision.

First Const. Derek Wilsher said Milhench told him he slowed down near Maidstone-st. and was crossing over when the other car appeared.

Defendant said he did not apply his brakes as it all happened so quickly.

Wilsher agreed in reply to a question by Milhench that the corner on his right was bad for visibility.

Ivan Samone, of Hansen-st., West Newport, was fined a total of \$30 for failing to have a life jacket for each person on board his boat on January 8, failing to have a fire extinguisher and not having the boat registered.

25 Months Gao! for 17-year-Old

Instead of returning to Bayswater Welfare Centre from weekend leave, an inmate went on a series of escapades for which he was sentenced to 25 months gao! at Williamstown Court last week.

Maurice Charles Todd, 17, labourer, of Railway-cres., Williamstown, was charged with illegally using six motor cars, escaping from the Welfare Centre, two cases of larceny and two of unlicensed driving.

First Const. John Brennan, of Newport, told the Court that on Tuesday, March 26, he was in Jubilee-st., West Newport, and saw a car with five youths in it coming out of a lane.

He went up and spoke to Todd and saw there were no keys in the car. Todd told him he didn't know who owned it.

At the police station Todd made a statement that he had spent the night on leave and on the way back to Bayswater on the Sunday night decided to steal a car instead of going by train. At the time he was accompanied by several other youths.

Todd said he tried to get a car in Richmond, but had no luck so he went back to the city. He said he tried to ring Bayswater to say he would be late, but could not get through.

Returning to Spotswood he tried to start a car by pushing it, then saw another car in a driveway which he and his companions pushed and started. Todd said he had a turn at driving the car in Doherty-st. and then they all decided to go interstate.

The car was driven as far as Echuca where it was abandoned before the group took another car in which they returned to Melbourne, arriving on the Monday afternoon.

This car "popped up" and also was abandoned.

Todd said he changed his clothes at home before going to the Laverton Dairy looking for money. The youths were disturbed, but grabbed some small change, 60c in all.

Another car was taken and after driving around the group stopped near a shop where some of the boys stole a crate of soft drink from the rear of the shop.

Todd said he then drove the car to Yarraville where they saw a Morris 850 and decided to have that car instead.

As the petrol started to get low the youths went up a lane to try to find some. It was when they were ready to leave the

lane that the police caught them. Todd has no licence to drive cars.

Mr. F. Lovegrove, JP, told Todd that for his age he had a shocking record. He sentenced him to two months concurrently on the two larceny charges, on the six illegally using and escaping three months on each to be cumulative. One month on each charge of driving whilst unlicensed, a total of 25 months.

TAXI DRIVER LOSES LICENCE

A taxi driver's licence was suspended for one month and he was fined \$50 on a speeding charge at Williamstown Court.

The taxi driver, Walter Mueller, of Edward-ave., Altona North, pleaded not guilty to exceeding 40 mph in Millers-rd.

Const. G. McMahon, of Altona, told the Court he followed Mueller along Millers-rd. and checked his speed at 60-65 mph between Stirling and Noordene-aves. on January 17.

Mueller gave evidence that he stopped at the traffic lights at Kororoit Creek-rd. and was near the railway line when the constable pulled him up. He had seen no car following him at any time. He admitted his speed in Millers-rd. had been about 50-55 mph.

Mueller admitted three prior traffic convictions.

After the Court's verdict was announced Mueller gave notice of appeal.

Reversed When Unsafe

For reversing when unsafe to do so and for failing to give way when entering a highway from his driveway, Robert Henry Wallace, of Mason-st., Newport, was fined \$40 on each charge with \$5 costs.

On November 17 last year he was reversing out of his driveway and as he straightened up in Mason-st. and started to move forward a collision occurred with a car driven by Salvatore Azopardi, of Merton-gve., Altona North.

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BETA SIGMA PHI RE-COMMENCES

After the annual Christmas recess of two months, Beta Sigma Phi, MU Chapter, commenced its third year of activities on February 22, at the home of Mrs. Clana Herbert, Queen-st., Altona.

Executive officers elected for the year of 1968 are as follows—**PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Joyce McGuckian; **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Mary Putkunz; **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Mrs. Hilda Byrne; **TREASURER:** Mrs. Gloria Shanks; **RECORDING SECRETARY:** Mrs. Bronwen Hawkins; **CORRESPONDING SEC.:** Mrs. Angela Murdoch.

The first guest speaker for the year on March 21 was Mrs. M. McKenzie, of the Penguin Club, which is an organisation for women equivalent to the Rostrom Club for men.

The Penguin Club is international and has groups in every State of Australia.

Mrs. McKenzie has been a member for seven years, including a term of office as State president. Her topic for the evening was "Self Expression." She pointed out that everyone needs an outlet for self expression, something to lift one out of the rut of routine and monotony. The housewife after years of raising a family, will perhaps find time to devote to a hobby—pottery, painting, yoga, cooking, etc.

In Mrs. McKenzie's case she chose the Penguin Club and its medium of public speaking. Dealing with public speaking Mrs. McKenzie said there are three objects to keep in mind when preparing a speech—to inform, to entertain, to persuade.

Further hints she gave were to strive for sincerity—and a knowledge of your subject—to have a message, a beginning (wait for the attention of your audience), never begin with questions (for someone may answer you).

Try to make about three points for a 10 to 15 minute speech, but not more than four.

In concluding, tie what you have said into a neat parcel and present it to your audience. After the vice-president (Mrs. Mary Putkunz) thanked Mrs. McKenzie, the evening concluded with the serving of supper.

Another event for the MU Chapter was the barbeque picnic held at "Sunnyside," Kyneton, the property of Mr. and Mrs. B. Tyquin, on March 24. Members and their families had a great time at the home-stead. The children (and certain members and husbands) were entertained with horse and pony rides and a treasure hunt.

Shire Pres. to Read Lesson at Service

The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, representing Civic Life, will read the first lesson at the Community Service at St. Eanswythe's Church of England, in Queen-st., Altona, next Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

The second lesson will be read by the president of the Altona Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. Herbert, representing Industry and Commerce.

An industrial display will be provided by Rheem Engineering Pty. Ltd., of Brooklyn.

Sunday morning is also the Harvest Festival Service—the produce being forwarded to the Mission of St. James and St. John.

As this day is Palm Sunday, if weather is permitting, a procession will be made from the Church to the Sunday School for the blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses during the first hymn.

ALTONA YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES

The social committee of the Altona Youth Club has donated \$100 to the general funds of the club.

President of the social committee, Mrs. Gloria Murphy, presented the cheque to the general committee.

A picnic to Blackwood has been organised for members on Sunday, April 7. A barbeque lunch will be provided and transport leaves the Youth Hall in Civic-pde. at 10 a.m. Contribution from members will be 50c each.

Instructor of the boys' gym., David Hunter, has had his appendix removed. Until he recovers the classes will be taken by Max Baldwin and Kevin Conran.

The committee is anxious to get more starters for a boys' basketball league.

All facilities are available and within the near future the outside court will be fenced.

FILM SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Altona Film Society will take place on Thursday, April 11, at 8.45 p.m. in the Altona Public Library.

Nomination forms for positions on the committee may be obtained from the library.

Seaholme Primary Sports

In an exciting game of cricket Seaholme Primary School First XI managed to beat Laverton North by 33 runs with 10 wickets in hand.

Highlight of the match was the batting of Seaholme captain, Tony Paone, who top scored with an innings of 71 not out in eight overs. He also took the bowling honours with figures of 5/23.

He was backed up by good wicket-keeping by Greg Briscoe. John Leigh took 1/28. Final scores were Seaholme 0/87, d. Laverton North 6/54.

In windy conditions the Seaholme Second XI lost by four runs to the new team, Laverton North.

Gary Mayberry, Seaholme's new captain, took 6/18.

Laverton North won the toss and sent Seaholme in to bat. Seaholme were off to a good start with Geoff Brown and Peter Gardiner putting in a partnership of 15 before Geoff was dismissed.

Then Mark Jackson and Gary Mayberry put on a partnership of 20, but did not succeed in winning.

Final scores: Seaholme 6/45, were defeated by Laverton North 49.

In the Softball First IX, a very exciting game was played on Friday in bad conditions.

Seaholme 40, d. Laverton North 15.

Best batters for Seaholme were Merja Jarvelainen and Leanne Webb.

Best fielders: Vicki Hayes, Stella Piper and Noelene Colvan.

Altona West School Sports

For the second time in succession the two Altona West Primary School softball teams contested some very close games.

Because of the time factor only six innings were completed by the First IX and the last match resulted in Altona West scoring 24 runs to Glen Devon's 22.

Best players for the West team were Gail, Lesley, Paula and Arlene, while for Glen Devon Nancy, Debra and Leonie were best.

In the Second IX's match in a five completed innings game, West drew with Glen Oevon 12 all.

Best for West were Kerrie, Janice and Levesa.

In the First XI's cricket match Glen Devon scored 6/70 while West's score was 4/65.

Paul Jenkins again performed well in making 36 not out and taking three wickets for 28.

Poor fielding prevented Altona West from winning this game.

In the cricket Second XI Glen Devon 83, d. Altona West 69.

Basketballers Enter Another Final

Altona Basketball Club will play Melbourne CBA in the grand final of the Church of England Men's A Grade Summer Competition at Albert Park Basketball Stadium next Monday, at 9 p.m.

Melbourne CBA won the Winter Competition last year.

This week Altona defeated Northern Churches in the semi-final 34-29.

Altona players in the semi-final were Max Johnstone, Alan Knights, Robert Johnstone, Ken Burbridge, Brian Kerle, John Carr, Ken Becker, Tolly Kultanowicz, Peter McDougall, Alan Hughes and Tom Henderson.

Division Activities of Brownies

Brownie packs from Werribee, Laverton and Altona attended the Division Revels at Werribee last Saturday. All packs were well represented.

On the same day members of local guide companies attended a Government House Garden Party.

The Division Commissioner, Mrs. F. H. Morrall, is considering forming a Trefoil Guild.

Any guides, or ex-guides interested in helping with its information are requested to contact Mrs. Morrall at her home address, K-rd., Roadside, Werribee.

SQUARE DANCERS ARE BUSY

Altona Square Dancers have been busy during the past week, travelling as far as Moorabbin and Werribee, as well as the usual Thursday night dance.

At the Moorabbin Town Hall dancers from several square dance clubs warmly welcomed a party of American square dancers.

Last Saturday night club members went across to Werribee R.S.L. Hall where Ron Menie was calling for the Young Farmers' Association. An invitation has been given to the Young Farmers who would like to learn more about square dancing to come over to the Youth Club Hall, Civic Pde., Altona, any Thursday night at 8 p.m.

This invitation also includes anyone in the Altona district who would like a good night's entertainment. Given every opportunity you will soon be promenading the ring with the best of them.

Don't be shy, because everything is completely informal and relaxed. Age is no barrier as you will soon see, because the ages range from 7 and 8 years olds, to teenagers and adults.

CANBERRA DIARY by Merv Lee, MHR for Lalor

SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORIES

A Bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives to continue for the next three years grants for the construction and equipping of science labs. in government and independent schools.

Since 1964 the Federal Government has provided \$42,200,000 for science facilities—\$28,900,000 to government schools and \$13,300,000 to independent schools.

Now \$37,700,000 will be made available over the next three years, and Victoria's share will be \$10,500,000.

I have ascertained that every State school in Australia which teaches secondary science has received some additional science teaching apparatus as a result of these grants.

Altona North Technical School, Mount St. Joseph's Girls' School and St. Paul's College have already had laboratories provided under this scheme.

Science blocks are provided on a priority basis according to needs. In Victoria these needs are assessed by the Education Department for Government schools and a State Advisory Committee in the case of the private schools.

Students' Title at Royal Show

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria will introduce a Students' Championship Award in the Arts and Crafts Section of the 1968 Royal Melbourne Show, which commences on September 19.

Mr. H. T. C. Woodfull, Director of the RASV, said today that with the build up of exhibitors in the School Competitions Section of the Royal Show, the Society felt it was now time to introduce an award for the best exhibit of Art or Craft work in this section.

The Award will be known as "The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria Students' Championship" and will be a trophy valued at \$20.

Mr. Woodfull went on to say that over the past two years the standard of exhibits in the Arts and Crafts classes for schools had reached a high standard and some exhibits would win awards in Open Classes. He is of the opinion that the new award will be a further incentive for students to maintain, and may be improve, the already high standard of exhibits.

Children belonging to schools, clubs, or any similar organisation recognised by the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria may enter in the Schools Classes provided their entry form is endorsed by the form or head teacher or the officer in charge of the club, etc.

The closing date for entries in the Arts and Crafts Section is July 22.

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CITY STATUS INVESTIGATION

The Committee is about to take evidence and now invites ratepayers to give opinions on the merits and demerits of the Shire seeking City status.

Ratepayers may now:—

(a) Express opinions in writing;

or

(b) Make written application to express verbal opinion to the Committee.

Applications close with the Shire Secretary at noon Thursday, April 11, 1968.

JAMES W. WATERS, Shire Secretary.

ORNAMENTAL TREES AND SHRUBS SUITABLE FOR YOUR AREA

Trees and shrubs have now come to be the main attraction in the gardens, pushing aside the annuals and bulbous plants.

The many purposes to which they can be put make them indispensable from a viewpoint as well as beauty.

Apart from their decorative effect in beds, borders and on lawns, many of them are suitable for forming wind-breaks. There are a few essentials to remember when planting shrubs and trees.

Adequate drainage must be provided. The soil should be well prepared. When watering, give one good soaking that will penetrate down to the roots. The abelia is an excellent evergreen shrub with bright foliage and masses of pink flowers which show from early spring to late autumn. Most desirable and recommended for every home garden. Heavy pruning is unnecessary, but a light trimming after flowering will keep an even shape, growing from 4ft. to 6ft.

Eucalyptus (the gum tree). Many gums are suitable for the home garden, the most popular being the crimson flowering gum. Like the wattle, the eucalyptus, are hardy and are adaptable as regards soil condition, stand dry weather well when thoroughly established and are easy to cultivate.

The best time for planting is in autumn while the ground is still, as this enable the young trees to become established before the cold winter sets in.

Grevillea.—The grevilleas are handsome trees and shrubs with attractive flowers, opening in

early spring. The dwarf shrubby varieties deserve to be better known, as few shrubs can beat them for foliage and flower. They will thrive in the poorest of soils.

Aspenifolia.—One of the most effective shrubs, dark foliage with silvery reverse, the young tips in winter and spring are red. Flowers crimson and produced in profusion, 6ft.

Rosmarinifolia.—A dense shrub of 4ft. to 6ft. with olive type leaves and bright red flowers in winter and spring. This variety forms a fine hedge for poor soils.

Lantana.—Dwarf shrub of 2ft. to 4ft., producing quantities of brightly coloured flowers almost throughout the year. Very effective when massed in beds or borders. They will thrive in any hot, dry position, where most other shrubs would fail.

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Great Game Starts Soccer Season

A record crowd of 400 turned up in
wintry conditions to see Altona's opening
game in Division 1 Soccer.

Kim Reserve, thanks to the Altona Shire Council workers,
was in good condition, despite the drought, and Triestina-Maribyr-
nong provided top class opposition.
Mario Grecco (injured ankle)
and Andy Rice (at brother Billy's
wedding) were missing from Al-
tona's line-up.

The team was: Roberts, Cop-
ley, Milloy, Karamatos, Vander-
poel, Balish, Cook, Stevens, Her-
man, Black and Coles.

The Maroons had to play
against a strong wind in the first
half, but with good play from
Balish and Karamatos, they
managed to launch dangerous
attacks. Coles was a handful
and crude tackling was used to
stop him.

Play was fast and furious.
This is what spectators want to
see. Herman outstripped the
Triestina defence and cracked a
low drive narrowly past the
post and at the other end Ian
Roberts magnificently palmed
a hot shot over the bar.

Back and forward at a fan-
tastic rate play raged. David
Cook took off down the wing,
swung in a good ball, only to
see Stevens miss from close
range.

Black came crashing in, but
the goalkeeper smothered the
ball. Copley, Milloy and Van-
derpoel repelled the Triestina
forwards. Jim Balish was in-
jured and limping, nevertheless
the "Babes" of Division 1
battled on determined to show
their supporters they had come
of age and at half time it was
a scoreless draw.

Now, with the wind advan-
tage Altona were favourites to
win, however, captain Jim
Balish was unable to play in
the second half and Altona
had to reshuffle their team.

This was a tragedy because
they were playing so well, but
the team spirit made up for the
loss and Altona attacked.

Karamatos, playing a great
game, ran the full length of the
field, swung the ball across goal
and Herman's header flew past
the post with the goalie beaten.
The pace slowed down. No
player could keep up this power
play. The longer the game went
it seemed inevitable that a goal-
less draw would be the result.

Then with only five min-
utes left for play Triestina got
a lucky goal. Ian Roberts had
had a soft shot well covered
when it hit a tuft and slipped
agonisingly through his legs and
slowly over the line.

What an injustice to Altona!
And more in particular to Ian
Roberts. He had played a hero's
game, defying Triestina's efforts
to score only to lose a goal like
this.

Triestina, with their tails up,
hammered Altona, trying for
another goal. Roberts diving full
length made a great save.

Try as they might Altona
could not get that all-important
goal and Triestina ran out win-
ners by one goal to nil.

The Maroons were great in
defeat.

BEST for Altona were Kara-
matos, Roberts and Herman.

NEXT GAME

Next Saturday Altona travels
to Campbell Reserve, Moreland,
where they play Moreland
Thistle.

A victory to Altona would be
a good morale booster. Can they
do it?

RESERVES DOWN

Altona's Reserve XI lost 3-2
against the Triestina Reserves.
Coach John Innes is working
hard to mould these young
players into a good side.

Four Teams Entered in Girls' Basketball

This season Altona Methodist
Basketball Club have entered
four teams in the Williamstown
and District Basketball Associa-
tion.

Mr. David Mannering and
Mrs. Netta Hyde are the coaches
and an example of their coach-
ing was the high standard of
basketball and teamwork dis-
played by the girls on Saturday.

A RESERVE 38, d. Yarraville
Cong's/Pres. 22.

B GRADE 20, d. Kingsville
Baps 7.

B RESERVE 14, lost to Wil-
liamstown Cong's 44.

C GRADE 45, d. Gospel Mis-
sion 2.

SECOND UNDER-16 FOOTBALL TEAM

One of the most important de-
cisions of Altona Football Club
was made last Wednesday night
when it was decided to enter a
second Under-16 side in the
Western Suburban Football
League.

Alec Merrills will coach both
sides and will be in charge of
Altona Purples on Saturdays,
whilst his assistant will be Philip
McLean (injured wrist), who will
have charge of the Altona Golds.

More players are still required
for these two teams and also
more Dads to help in the suc-
cessful running of both sides.

Altona Gold plays Altona
Purple in the first match on
April 27.

Three practice matches will
be held at Grant Reserve this
weekend.

Deer Park will be the visitors
on Saturday for two games—
Reserves at 1 p.m., followed
by the Seniors at approximately
3 p.m.

On Sunday West Newport will
be our opponents, and there is a
strong possibility that some Un-
der-18 players will be used in
this match.

Last Saturday's practice did
little to solve some of the most
pressing problems. The roving
was weak, but undoubtedly will
be strengthened by the return
of Noel Rohleder.

Alan Davis showed good un-
derstanding around the goals
early and kicked four majors.
"Darby" Munro was held
early by Ian Harris, but was
more prominent when shifted to
centre half-forward. Del York
and Peter Werlock had a good
tussle early, but joined forces
after half-time.

Others to show out at times
were Ron Pritchard and Peter
Egan—whose long driving drops
put his team well into position—
Kevin Peachey and Joe Mac-
Fadyen burnt on the wings and
Ron Schwabe and "Meggie"
Harrington displayed good early
season form.

Mal Tisdale was as determined
as ever and recruit Bob Camp-
bell showed that he will be an
asset.

Coach Algie Vosilits was on
the receiving end of some hard
knocks and Barry Hogan can
verify how hard Algie came
back.

Still to appear at training are
Mario Piovesan, Noel Rohleder,
Ron Lawson, Jim Rielly (at Wil-
liamstown) and a number of Re-
serve and Under-18 players who
are leaving their runs a bit late
and will be battling to be fit by
April 20.

A full muster of all players
is necessary for the matches this
weekend and also the at-
tendance of the many supporters
who can be sure of good, clean
entertaining football on both
days.

BOWLING TEAM IN FINAL

Altona's No. 1 bowling team
defeated Graythorne in the B4
Division semi-final last Saturday
114-78.

In the final match to decide
the pennant winner Altona will
meet Hightt.

The location of this game will
be advertised in the daily papers
on Friday, April 5.

The scores against Graythorne
were—

McNeillage, Nielsen, R. Don
and Mather, 36-19; Whitmore,
Watters, I. Douglas and Malloy,
24-20; Webster, Watson, Walsh
and Carton, 27-21; Stephens, D.
Nettleton, L. Cox and Russell,
27-18.

All members and associates
wish Mr. Jack Fisher a speedy
recovery from his illness which
caused him to have a major
operation at the Williamstown
Hospital on Friday of last week.
Jack must be disappointed as
he has been a member of the
No. 1 team all the pennant sea-
son and is now unable to play
in the finals.

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

HARRY VENNER AT W'TOWN

International star Harry Venner
gave a class demonstration of
table tennis at the local Table
Tennis Centre, Garden-st., Wil-
liamstown, last Thursday morn-
ing. Assisting him were top-
ranking Victorian players Mary
Cleaves, Margaret Beane, Tom
Polachek and Neil Roberts.

Among interested spectators
were senior officers of the Vic-
torian Association in Vic French
(president), Tom Horsefield (sec-
retary), Alan Cleaves (promo-
tion), and Peter Mascall (pub-
licity).

Best matches of the night
were the singles between Harry
Venner and youthful Tom Pol-
achek, won by Venner in three
sets, and the exhibition singles
by Mary Cleaves and Margaret
Beane, with Miss Cleaves just
scraping home at deuce in the
third set.

Polachek, aged only 16, is one
of the most talented juniors in
Australia, and his display was
an inspiration to the many local
players in the audience. Miss
Beane and Miss Cleaves, two
of the top ranking ladies in the
game, also pleased with an ex-
cellent display.

WINTER PENNANT

Entries have closed for the
winter pennant, and the draw
is now in course of preparation.
There are still odd gaps in some
teams, so that any player who
is interested in playing competi-
tive table tennis may be fitted
into a team if he applies to
officials at the Centre this week.

JUNIOR COACHING

The Saturday afternoon classes
and novice players have been
attracting quite a number of new
faces, while former pupils have
already shown marked improve-
ment.

Credit for this goes to coach
Roy Warrior, with some assis-
tance from members of the com-
mittee at various times.

Young boys and girls inter-
ested in learning this modern
sport are invited to call at the
Centre any night during the
week, or on Saturday afternoon,
to enrol for lessons.

Ladies 10-Pin Bowls

Results of games played Mar.
26, 1968 —

Broberg's Chemist d Team 6,
4-0;

Roberts Nurseries, d 7X,
4-0;

M. & D. Homes d Grand
Cinema, 3-1;

Loy's Lemonade d Central
Hotel, 3-1.

High Game: J. Whitten (T6
spare) 161; P. Griffiths (BC),
158.

High Series: P. Griffiths (BC)

437; J. Whitten (T6) 414.

High Game: I. Tucker (RN),
196; L. Griffiths (7X), 153.

High Series: I. Tucker (RN)

474; J. Matthews (7X) 369.

High Game: B. Noone (M &
D) 167; B. Miller (GC) 165.

High Series: L. Empey (M &
D), 414; B. Miller (GC) 438.

High Game: B. Martin (LL)

173; E. Matthews (CH) and
I. White (CH), 147.

High Series: B. Martin (LL)

451; E. Matthews (CH) 390.

Team Standings:—

W L T Pins

Broberg's

Chemist 21 7 14465

Roberts'

Nurseries 20 8 13864

M & D Homes 20 8 12794

Loy's

Lemonade 18 10 13972

Central Hot. 14 14 13734

7X 11 17 13524

Grand Cin. 8 20 12571

Team 6 2 26 8472

HOCKEY TEAMS DO WELL IN PRACTICE

Two Altona Hockey Club senior
teams, playing against RAAF,
in a practice match at Point
Cook, had the best of the play
in both matches.

Although the physical condi-
tion of a number of members was
severely tried, Shane Cronin, at
inside right, Dennis Bartlett, at
centre forward, Peter Hunter
(right back), Bruce Forrester
(Goalkeeper), Brian Smith
(centre half) and Syd Hyde (out-
side left) were players to show
out.

The RAAF Academy exten-
ded their usual hospitality in
providing supper after the game
and must be thanked for this
and for their good sportsmanship
throughout the afternoon.

CLUB REGISTRATION FEES DUE

All prospective players are
reminded that club fees are now
due. Seniors \$5. Seniors attend-
ing full-time school \$2.50. Under
Age \$1. Senior players must
also be registered with the Vic-
torian Amateur Hockey Associa-
tion before playing. For those
who have not already done so,
you are urged to attend the gen-
eral meeting tonight (Wed-
nesday, April 3) in the Church of
England Hall, or contact secre-
tary Des Smith as soon as pos-
sible.

UNDER AGE GAMES START

Under Age games start on
Saturday, April 6, and teams to
be met by Altona are as follows:
UNDER-16 play Dandenong at
Royal Park No. 1 at 9-15 a.m.
(black shorts).

UNDER-14 meet St. Kilda at
St. Kilda at 10-15 a.m. (white
shorts).

UNDER-12 play Croydon No.
2 at MCC Albert Park at 10-15
a.m. (black and white shorts
should be taken).

TAKEN

UNDER-16: Car leaves Altona
Youth Hall in Civic-pde., at 8-30
a.m.

UNDER-14 and UNDER-12:

Leave Youth Hall at 9-30 a.m.

Any parent who can offer as-
sistance with transport is asked
to ring Jim Studley on 65-8986.

ALTONA CRICKET SOCIAL REPORT

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT
AT THE CRICKET CLUB OVER
THE WEEKEND. Notably the
Gray Family Singers, Terry,
Rodney, Dad and Uncle Gray
tunelessly lending their voices to
the general celebrations.

Three teams in the grand
finals and A Grade winning was
certainly a good way to finish
the cricket season.

The presentation of trophies
will take place at the dinner-
dance in the Civic Hall on Fri-
day, April 5. Tickets are now
very scarce.

We hear Gordon Lewis is about
to "gain a son." His daughter
is to be married on Friday.

President Frank Kirk is just
as lively on the dance floor as
on the cricket field. Was that
the Watasi Frank?

Happy to see Damien Young
introduce his new bride, Cleon,
to the members. Hope she will
become part of the team next
season.

Saturday was a real "Happy
Family" night and the kids had
a wonderful time dancing to
"live music" provided by a two-
piece band. It was nice to see
so many of the wives there.

Heard a few ideas flying about
to make the clubrooms more at-
tractive for these occasions.

Let's hope these plans come
to fruition in time for next sea-
son's activities.

BATMAN.

Camera Club's Visit to Williamstown

This Thursday night, April
4, there will be a club visit
to Williamstown Camera Club,
where an interesting slide lec-
ture along with holiday slides
will be shown. Everyone inter-
ested is to meet at the club-
rooms ready to leave at 7.15
p.m..

As this Friday is the first
in the month, there is no club
meeting, but we will see you on
April 12, when Reg. Osborne
will give a talk on "Film De-
velopment".

This month's competition is
simply entitled "Flower Study"
in which can be included an
arrangement of Cut flowers, or
single flower in a suitable com-
position. The container may
form part of the composition.

With the prolonged dry
weather conditions it doesn't
leave much in the gardens to
photograph, but do your best
and have your entries ready to
hand in on April 19.

Altona Tennis Club News

All players wishing to play
tennis on Sunday afternoons in
an Under-19 competition (teams
consist of three boys and three
girls) please place their names
on the board in the Altona Tennis
Clubhouse, or give their names
to the junior secretary (G. Rus-
sell, 65-8661), or the secretary
(D. White, 398-1628) by April 6.

A Grade Cricket Premiership Goes to Altona

Altona won the A Grade premiership of the Williamstown, Altona and Footscray District Cricket Association last Sunday after having the last two Saturdays washed out by rain.

Newport ANA, resuming at 2/12, lost another wicket and added 16 runs before play was abandoned on Saturday.

With the resumption on Sunday, Jack Dellar had Evan Rowe well caught by Bob McLeod and Newport ANA were struggling at 4/29.

John Moore followed soon after when he was bowled by Bob Dare and ANA were 5/39.

However, Brian Wignall and John Heriot began to consolidate and had added 38 runs before Wignall was bowled by Terry Gray with the score at 77.

At this stage the Altona team was well on top and anxious to claim the remaining four wickets.

This was achieved by Bob Dare and Terry Gray claiming two wickets each and ANA were all out for 102, thus leaving Altona 88 runs to win.

Of ANA's 102 John Heriot compiled 31 valuable runs before being brilliantly stumped by captain-coach John Cooney.

Altona began disastrously by losing Frank Thomas before any runs had been posted, however, Bob McLeod joined Cooney and

added 46 runs before McLeod was leg before wicket to Ted Dunne for 16.

Jim Page joined Cooney and carried on the good work to take the score to 72 before Page was also leg before wicket to Dunne.

With the score at 77 Altona lost both Bibby and Critchley and the remaining 11 runs required seemed a long way off.

John Cooney, who had been batting well, added two fours to his score and three runs remained. At this stage Ted Dunne bowled two no balls and Altona could not lose. Graeme Hosken made sure of the premiership by taking two off Dunne and this culminated a very good season for the A Grade team.

NEWPORT ANA—1st innings:
105.

ALTONA—1st innings: 120.

NEWPORT ANA—2nd innings:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| J. McTAGGERT, b Gray | 4 |
| R. DALRYMPLE, b Dare | 2 |
| E. ROWE, c McLeod, b Dellar | 7 |
| E. DUNNE, c Thomas, b Dare | 7 |
| J. HERIOT, stpd. Cooney, b Gray | 31 |
| J. MOORE, b Dare | 7 |
| B. WIGNALL, b Gray | 22 |
| R. ROWE, b Dare | 7 |
| W. HUGHES, c Calaz, b Gray | 2 |
| K. QUINN, lbw, b Dare | 6 |
| A. SELF, not out | 0 |
| Sundries | 7 |

TOTAL: 102

BOWLING: R. Dare 5/41, T. Gray 4/37, J. Dellar 1/14.

ALTONA—2nd innings:

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| J. COONEY, not out | 46 |
| F. THOMAS, c Hughes, b Dunne | 0 |
| R. McLEOD, lbw, b Dunne | 16 |
| J. PAGE, lbw, b Dunne | 15 |
| W. BIBBY, run out | 2 |
| B. CRITCHLEY, lbw, b Dunne | 0 |
| G. HOSKEN, not out | 2 |
| Sundries | 8 |

TOTAL: Five wickets for 89

BOWLING: E. Dunne 4/41.

CHURCH CRICKET FINALS

The final day of the A and B Grade finals of the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association was completed last Saturday.

Premiers in A Grade was Kingsville Baps, after an interesting and exciting tussle with Tottenham Baps.

Interest was intense in this match right up to the last ball, when with just over an hour to go Kingsville dismissed the last Tottenham batsman to win the match by only 29 runs.

It was a game of fluctuating fortunes, but the result was a true indication of the relative strengths of the two sides.

In the B Grade final, Paisley-st. Baps eventually won quite easily from North Williamstown Church of Christ, being winners by an innings and one run.

Run outs (there were four in Williamstown's second innings) proved to be the decider in this match.

Paisley-st. truly deserved their premiership win, and were the clear leaders in this Grade for most of the season. Now being elevated to A Grade, they may prove worthy contenders among the top Grade.

Special congratulations are due to the Kingsville Baps team, as they are the first ever side to win the B Grade premiership one year and to follow this up with the A Grade premiership the following season. This is a feat well deserving of praise, and may not be repeated for many seasons by another club.

For Paisley-st. Baps, too, special praise must be given, as this is the first premiership in the club since 1942-43, except for the Under-16 side which won one flag in 1961-62.

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| 21" Healing TV, Perfect | \$60 |
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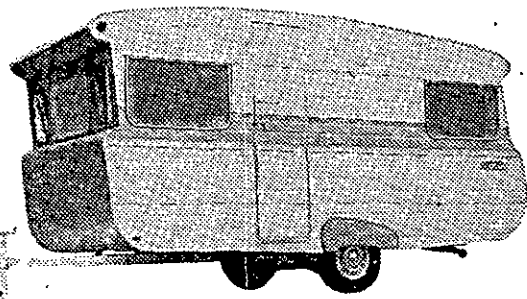
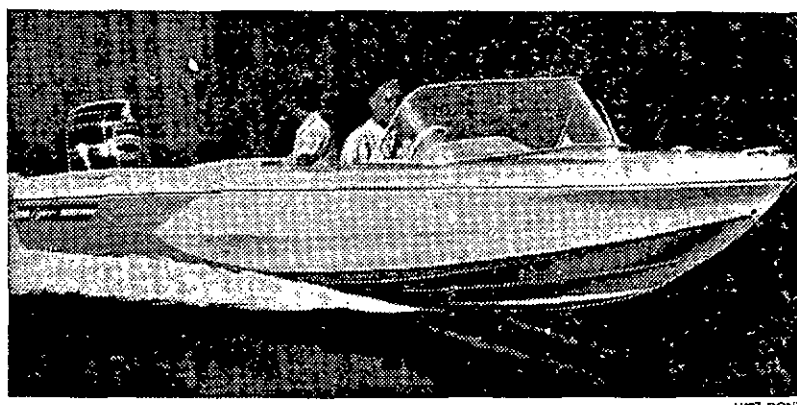
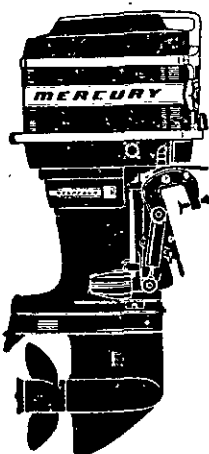
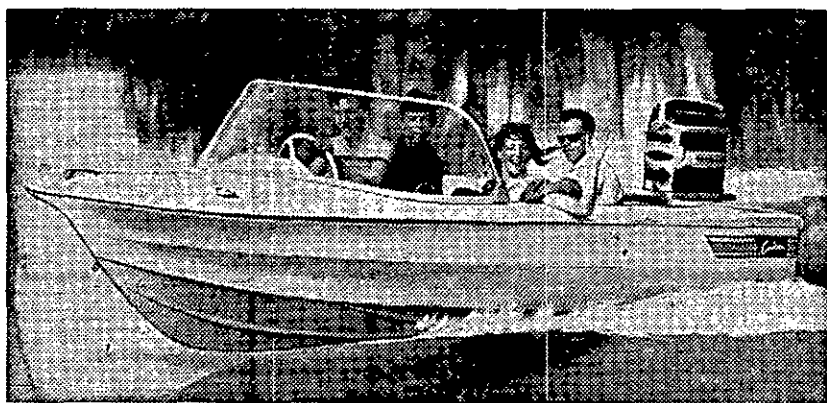
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STARS SAINTS and SINNERS

Violence in Altona North

This page has been receiving a fair amount of interesting correspondence lately. However, the letter I received this week is one type of letter that I hope will not have to appear on this page again. The letter reads:

Dear Mr. Coleman,

I am writing to inform you of a nasty incident that took place after a dance in Altona North last week. The dance hall was emptying out and my girlfriend and I were talking to the group that had provided the music for the dance.

We were discussing the success of the dance when all of a sudden chairs were flying and the hall was alive with fighting bodies.

Over a dozen boys were fighting the three or four men who had been running the dance. I am not quite sure how the fight started, but the dozen or so boys who were fighting had arrived at the dance just before it had finished, and, by the way, they were acting. I think they had been drinking.

My girlfriend and I were terrified and I still feel sick now when I think of those boys gang-ing up on those men and hitting them with chairs. One man was knocked to the ground and he just lay there while the boys kicked him. I wanted to do something to help, but I was too scared to move.

One man was trying to fight three boys at once and they threw a chair at him, so he made a dash for the exit, by which time he was a mass of cuts and bruises.

After a while we wondered if we were going to get out of the dance alive, but then one boy yelled "Cops," and they all ran out.

The police did not arrive and my girlfriend and I ran home as fast as we could.

When I got home my father asked me why I was late, so I told him we could not get out of the dance hall and he has forbidden me to go to any more dances.

In a way I don't care because I would be too scared to go to that dance again.

Anyway, I thought I had better write you this letter because those boys might be good fellows when they are on their own, but on Saturday night they were sinners in every sense of the word. To me they seemed so full of hate that they were like wild animals.

Because of them it will be a long time before I will be able to go to another dance again and one of those poor men they attacked might be seriously injured.

JUDY VICKERS.

Ron's Note: Unknown to the correspondent I was also present at that dance. However, I too, did not know how the fight started. We can only hope that one day people will have learnt to live with each other in peace.)

COMPETITION RESULTS

Winner of last week's competition was Denise Ogilvie, who correctly named "Listen" as the Procession's new record.

Denise may choose a record from Bill's Record Bar in Railway-st., Altona.

THIS WEEK

The Town Criers have a record out called "Everlasting Love."

To win a free record from the record bar of Bill Davies I want you to tell me who backs them up on this record.

Address all entries to the "Altona Star," 101 Pier-st., Altona, 3018.

FAN CLUBS

Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam: "Georgia," C/- 38 Uim-st., Laverton.

Beach Boys: C/- Capitol Records, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, NYC, America.

The Cowbills: C/- Leonard Stogel Ltd., 888 Eighth-ave., NYC America.

The Jefferson Airplane: C/- RCA Victor Records, 155 East 24th-st., NYC, America.

The Lovin' Spoonful: C/- MGM Records, 1540 Broadway, NYC, America.

Electric Prunes Appreciation Society: 1800 No. Argyle-st., Suite 303, Hollywood, California.

Madam Applebee Fan Club: "Annette," 162 Blackshaws-rd., Spotswood.

Van Winkle Band: "Priscilla," 14 Graham-st., Newport.

New Record For "Image"

Melbourne semi-professional group, Sombodies Image, has just put down their third record.

Their follow-up to "When I Come Home" and "Hush" is called "Living in Style." It was penned by Johnny Young and former Loved One, Rob Lovett.

This looks like being a big year for the group which was discovered by Ian Meldrum, who is currently touring Britain with The Groop.

ORGANISATION FOR BOYS

Boys between the ages of 11 and 19 are invited to take part in activities with the Boys' Brigade which operates at the Altona Baptist Church every Friday night.

Activities include physical training, gymnastics, first-aid, camping, sport, photography and many other fascinating topics.

The Boys' Brigade has been in existence for many years and provides young men with the opportunity to pursue a wide range of activities designed to strengthen character.

Why not call in on Friday night?

On the Scene

Apparently things aren't going so well between Monkee Micky Dolenz and his English sweetheart, Samantha.

Beatles hope to buy their own private island soon.

by
Ron
Coleman

The Easybeats have written a record for the Lemon Pipers. When will the Twilight's TV show be screened in Melbourne? Has Davy Jones got his eyes on Lulu? Could be that the Monkees new single will be "To Her, With Love."

After much strife, a second attempt will be made to form a group called The Trap. One of the singers will be Rupert Perry and Tom Jones' songs will be a feature. What a shame—the Jam had hopes for Rupert.

One group that gets plenty of hotel work the other side of town is called The Silvertones. The Silvertones are under the leadership of organist Bill Kerr. Altona North group, The Erosions, have a new singer.

New Melbourne group will feature Rob Lovett and Mal McGee.

Last night The Procession recorded Australia's first live record at Sebastian's.

Believe Rocky's still after Petunia.

GOSSIP

Wahsy reports that the era of Peter Taylor is here. Incidentally, Paul, that is a good name for a group—The Peter Taylor Era.

James has aspirations of becoming a milkman.

George has joined the ranks of the professionals.

Sooty has a record by "Pearls Before Swine." Not exactly my idea of good music.

Apparently John was very surprised at the Central recently. Another call-up victim is Micky Mochon.

Is Gary of the Iguana a karate expert?

Wayne is all smile after passing his licence first time round last week.

Wonder how many people realised that there was a circus in Altona last week?

If Mr. Cresser is having the "Star" sent to him in New South Wales (or wherever he is now) I must remind him that he has neglected to send a postcard to an acquaintance at 342 Blackshaws-rd., Altona North.

Could it be true that Box's new car is already blowing smoke?

Altona's latest in-swinging is Mark Swarbrick, who frequents all the gas places.

Rick intends to stick his car together again with PC 49.

Poor old Norm had bad luck recently.

Bluey Ward will go down in history as "Bus Stop's" oldest swinger.

Forgot to give Bruiser a mention last week.

Hear Smedley's sore at missing Friday's opportunity of a cuddle, when his girl was in Altona for the day (unknown to our old pal Smed.).

NEW MEMBERS

New members of "Stars, Saints and Sinners" include—

Sally Froud, Belmar-ave.; Carol Marshall, Maidstone; Julie Anderson, Grieve Highway; Mark Swarbrick, Kookaburra-st. and Annette Gramsbergen, Maidstone-st.

University Dance

A dance will be held at the Melbourne Teachers' College Hall at Melbourne University next Tuesday night.

Although the dance is designed to cater for university students, anyone may go.

Guest group will be the Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam.

"Centre's End"

Next dance at "Centre's End," Williamstown Life Saving Club, will be on April 26 (Friday night).

ENTERTAINMENT

Dances

FRIDAY NIGHT: Wild Side, St. Augustine's Hall, Somerville-rd., Yarraville.

SATURDAY NIGHT: Crossroads, Sunshine; Tipsicery, Newport.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Bus Stop 1, Centenary Hall, Watton-st., Werribee.

Drive-in

Showing the Brooklyn Village Drive-In for one week from Thursday, April 4, will be—

"WAR WAGON" (X)

(Colour)

Kirk Douglas, John Wayne.

PLUS—

"LET'S KILL UNCLE" (X)

TOP TEN

1.—Love is Blue —Paul Mauriat.

2.—Sadie —Johnny Farnham.

3.—Melborn and Sidney —Idlers Five.

4.—Simon Says —The 1910 Fruit Gum Co.

5.—Everlasting Love —The Town Criers.

6.—Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde —Georgie Fame.

7.—Different Drum —The Stone Ponies.

8.—Bottle of Wine —The Fireballs.

9.—Delilah —Tom Jones.

WILDSIDE 68

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, at 8 p.m.



WILD CHERRIES

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"BUS STOP 1"

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, at 8 p.m.:

COMPULSION

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THE VALENTINES

(BUSES BACK TO NORMAL)

Free bus leaves corner Pier and Blyth Streets, Altona, at 8 p.m. (also stops Maidstone Street and Laverton).

COMFORT OF NEW HILLMAN

PLENTY OF LEG ROOM

Since the American-based Chrysler organisation took control of the British-based Rootes Group in December 1965, there has been a noticeable upward trend in the finish and performance of the Hillman range.

Chrysler has gone to a great deal of trouble to provide one of the most far-sighted interior designs with stress on comfort and safety.

The Hillman I tested this week was the Hunter, by courtesy of Chrysler, through Butler's Garage, Footscray.

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The Hunter, and its stablemate the Arrow, are available with all-synchro manual transmission or Borg-Warner three speed auto.

N'PORT BASEBALL CLUB TRAINING

Newport Baseball Club is now in full training under new coach Jim Young for the coming 1968 winter baseball season.

SATURDAY

Practice will commence at the Newport Sports Oval on Saturday, April 6, at 12 noon.

SUNDAY

Practice on Sunday, April 7, commences at 9.30 a.m. on Newport Sports Oval.

Also on Sunday Newport will play several practice matches against Sunshine at Newport at the following times—

11 a.m.: Under-13's and Under-15's play Sunshine at Newport; 12 noon: Under-17's and the B Team meet Sunshine teams.

2 p.m.: The A Team and C Team play Sunshine.

FIRST MATCH

The first match of the 1968 season for all teams will be on Saturday, April 20.

INQUIRIES

Any parents of boys interested in playing baseball for any of Newport's junior teams, or any senior persons interested in playing baseball with Newport can see the secretary, Mr. Bob Anderson, 181 Queensville-st., Kingsville, or any member of the committee at the ground on any of the above days.

Forum on Children's Education, Health

A forum entitled "Education and Health" has been arranged for Sunday afternoon, April 7, at the Williamstown Town Hall. The co-sponsors are the Williamstown Education Committee, and the Trade Union Clinic and Research Centre.

A panel of doctors, distinguished in various fields of medicine, will contribute to a discussion of the following questions—

SHOULD CHILDREN BE . . .

1. Taught biology and reproduction;
2. Taught the effects of alcohol, drug taking and cigarette smoking;
3. Examined by a psychiatrist, if so, at what stage and age;
4. Encouraged to become safety conscious.

Teachers, parents, students and the general public will be asked to participate in "thinking through" the implications of these propositions.

Dogs Take Notice

The last day for registration of dogs was April 15. Dogs registered by then remain registered until the last day of March in 1969.

When a dog is registered at the Civic offices, an appropriate certificate is issued together with a tag which must be affixed to the dog's collar.

Aluminium tags are issued for dog fees and brass tags are issued for \$10 for Alsatian registration fees. The Alsatian registration fee is in addition to the \$1 fee.

The registered owner of the property is responsible for registration of dogs on such property.

The Shire Secretary reminds ratepayers that dogs in public places must, at all times, be affected to a stout leash and wear the appropriate registration disc otherwise the Ranger can seize and impound such dogs.

CUT DOWN EASTER HOLIDAY FATALITIES

Eighty Australians could die this Easter. Last Easter 80 of the 1600 people injured on Australian roads died.

These grim statistics will repeat themselves unless drivers throughout the nation eliminate excessive speed and inattention — the two leading causes of car crashes last Easter.

The Minister for Shipping and Transport (Mr. I. Sinclair) has pointed out that the appalling rate of road fatalities in Australia are nearly double those of New Zealand, half as high again as the U.S.A. and also exceeds that in Canada and Great Britain.

In a message from Mr. Sinclair he said "During the coming Easter holidays, I do sincerely appeal to all road users to recognise the inherent dangers and exercise proper care."

Rotary of Australia became interested in the road accident problem in 1965 and have now undertaken a road safety project on a national scale.

This week Australian Rotary Road Safety Week is being held throughout the Commonwealth between April 1 and 7.

The Rotary campaign is being undertaken in co-operation with the Australian Road Safety Council and State Road Safety Councils.

During the campaign a quarter of a million copies of a special Rotary pamphlet stressing the five points of road courtesy will be distributed.

As well as handing out this literature Altona Rotarians are distributing to each primary school child in the Shire a copy of the R.A.C.V. publication "You and Your Bicycle."

At Tuesday's meeting of the Altona group, secondary school students attending the luncheon heard Mr. John Thorpe speak on Road Safety.

Band for Australian Championships

The Altona Municipal Band plans to compete in the Australian Brass Band Championship, organised and run by the Tasmanian Bands' League.

The competition will take place in Tasmania during the Easter of 1969.

Mr. Kevin Shea, who is the son of the Musical Director of the Altona Municipal Band, Mr. Bill Shea, is the driving force behind this ambitious plan to show the Altona colours across Bass Strait.

He is certain of full support from the Band and its committee. Altona musicians not affiliated with the band, are invited to attend weekly band practice held each Thursday night at 8.15 p.m. at Altona Civic Hall, Civic Parade.

The band is looking for a cornet player to strengthen this section. It is hoped that this position can be filled from the ranks of the citizens of Altona.

If you are interested you are invited to attend Band practice at 8.30 Thursday.

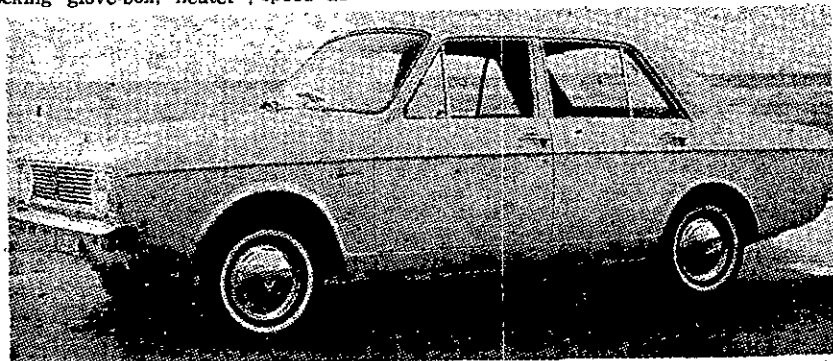


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Events in Vietnam

from the Minister for the Army.

REPORT FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1968

January and February highlights included the settling-in and the first of three planned orientations for 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

The first two operations were uneventful and the third was cancelled because of 1st Australian Task Force commitments on combined operation Duntroon-Akron V and then on Operation Coburg, which ended on March 1, 1968.

The additional New Zealand infantry company, "W" Company, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, took over occupation of the "Horseshoe" position on December 28, 1967, east of Nui Dat and commenced patrol operations.

Elements of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, received their baptism of fire early in February in a battle at Baria, when they relieved the situation there and killed more than 40 Viet Cong. The relief of Baria, the provincial capital of Phuoc Tuy Province, by Australian forces following the Viet Cong Tet offensive, was later highly praised by the province chief, Major Nguyen Be Trooc.

TERRORIST UPSURGE

Significant developments during the period were reflected in the aborted Vietnamese Lunar New Year (Tet) ceasefire truce, and Australian forces were involved in various manifestations of the co-ordinated Viet Cong offensive, in the Phuoc Tuy Province, in Saigon, and more particularly in Operation Coburg.

This operation was intended to integrate with the counter attack in the Saigon/Bien Hoa area, and ultimately become the largest single commitment of Australian troops involving all the major units of the Task Force.

The Viet Cong main force units which normally operate in Phuoc Tuy Province were engaged during January and February by United States and Vietnamese forces defending the Long Binh and Bien Hoa complexes.

Pockets of Viet Cong resistance were still being cleaned up by Vietnamese local forces early in February, and later these pockets of resistance were eliminated.

Attacks in Phuoc Tuy, which coincided with the upsurge of enemy activity throughout South Vietnam, were mounted by Viet Cong local units normally resident in Phuoc Tuy and included D445 Mobile Battalion with Viet Cong district companies and area and village guerillas.

The 1st Australian Task Force base at Nui Dat came under attack by Viet Cong forces using mortars, machine guns, rockets and automatic rifles.

These attacks were of a minor nature and were unsuccessful on both occasions.

No major damage was caused.

It is believed that both of these attacks were designed by the Viet Cong as diversionary, to keep artillery busy while other enemy attacked planned targets such as outposts and Vietnamese positions.

During the attacks on Nui Dat the Viet Cong were also hitting targets in surrounding areas.

SAIGON

Increased security precautions were introduced at Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam, in Saigon on January 31, when Viet Cong attacks erupted in the capital. Movement between the Headquarters and billets were cancelled and Headquarters staff remained on duty at the Free World Building for the first days of February.

Although there was fighting in the vicinity of the Headquarters, no Australians were involved in these clashes.

During later attacks, a guard and residents at the "Canberra" soldiers' billet in Saigon contacted 16 to 20 Viet Cong. The Viet Cong were armed with rifles and automatic weapons. The contact resulted in one Viet Cong killed and five others wounded accredited to a 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, guard.

OPERATION DUNTROON

Late reports on the success of combined Operation Duntroon-Akron-V were received from a communist defector from the Viet Cong 274th Regiment who admitted his group had 50 wounded Viet Cong.

This substantially lifted the Viet Cong casualty figures for the operation.

OPERATION COBURG

Coburg was the first operation mounted by 1st Australian Task Force outside Phuoc Tuy Province. It moved Task Force troops into Bien Hoa Province, and has now successfully concluded.

It was a reconnaissance-in-force mission which was mounted in response to a pre-Lunar New Year cease fire massing of Viet Cong units and threats of rocket attacks against targets in Bien Hoa Province, north-west of Nui Dat.

A request for Australian and New Zealand troops to assist in preventing the siting of enemy rocket positions was approved by the Commander, Australian Force Vietnam, in consultation with the Allied U.S. Commander General William C. Westmoreland.

The 1st Australian Task Force Headquarters moved into the field in Bien Hoa Province to direct the Task Force elements engaged on the operation.

The introduction of a third infantry battalion into the Task Force enabled two other battalions to operate much further afield in the Three Corps area, while retaining security for the Headquarters in Phuoc Tuy.

By the end of February, Operation Coburg had accounted for more than 200 Viet Cong killed and the capture of 116 enemy weapons, including 13 rocket launchers. Large quantities of other enemy equipment were also captured.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

Highlights for the 1st Australian Civil Affairs unit in January included the completion of extensions to the Hoa Long markets, a dispensary at Ap Suoi Nghe, minor new works at the Baria Old Folks Home, and construction of hygiene facilities at Lam Son Primary School in Vung Tau.

Twenty Vietnamese were evacuated for surgery and five for medical treatment during the period.

Despite an ambush incident at Hoi My, when a Vietnamese child was killed and an Australian medical orderly and a Vietnamese soldier wounded, a Medical Civil Aid Project team continues to see and treat more than 130 patients each week to keep faith with the local population.

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The fielding was a lot better and the bowlers were able to keep the ball up to the Gellibrand batsmen and in so doing forced them into errors.

Ross Ford again bowled well, as did Graham Cox and they were well supported by the two spinners, Jack Blokkeerus and Ray Duckett.

Some good catches were taken by Ian McCudden, Gordon Lewis and Merv Orr.

Altona faced a score of 202 runs to win and as they had parred this total in other games during the year it did not look beyond them.

The openers Lewis and Milner got off to a fair start and then Joe Grassby batted well to take the score to 2/48 before he was out to a very good catch at fine leg.

David Chalmers couldn't get going and was out hitting a catch close in for two runs.

Ray Duckett and Gordon Lewis batted well and took the score to 91 before Duckett was bowled just when the partnership was looking very good.

A bad mix up between Gordon Lewis and Merv Orr when going for a single found Merv run out for seven.

Altona then dropped to 5/107. Altona's chances at this stage didn't look too good, but with Gordon Lewis still there and not greatly troubled by any of the bowlers, Altona still had hopes of getting the remaining runs.

Then Laurie Davies went through the lower half of Altona's batsmen to dismiss Ian McCudden, Ron Cook, Ross Ford and Graham Cox for a total of 11 runs.

Gordon Lewis, who had opened the innings, batted through until number eight and it was a good fighting innings.

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| GELLIBRAND—2nd innings: | |
| ANDERSON, c, b Duckett | 44 |
| HESLOP, c, b Ford | 24 |
| CULLINAN, c, b Blokkeerus | 18 |
| HAYES, b Cox | 3 |
| L. DAVIES, hit wkt., b Duckett | 16 |
| D. DAVIES, c, Ford | 10 |
| SMITH, c, b Duckett | 10 |
| LAVOY, c, b Duckett | 7 |
| SMART, not out | 3 |
| RICHARDS, stpd., b Blokkeerus | 0 |
| MEECHAM, c, b Blokkeerus | 3 |
| Sundries | 5 |
| TOTAL: | 133 |
| BOWLING: R. Duckett 4/57, J. Blokkeerus 3/9, R. Ford 2/39. | |
| ALTONA—2nd innings: | |
| LEWIS, c, b L. Davies | 29 |
| MILNER, c, b Anderson | 6 |
| GRASSBY, c, b L. Davies | 23 |
| CHALMERS, c, b L. Davies | 2 |
| DUCKETT, b Hayes | 25 |
| ORR, run out | 7 |
| MCCUDDEN, c, b L. Davies | 0 |
| COOK, c, b L. Davies | 4 |
| BLOKKEERUS, not out | 3 |
| FORD, b L. Davies | 2 |
| COX, c, b L. Davies | 2 |
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| BOWLING: L. Davies 7/37. | |

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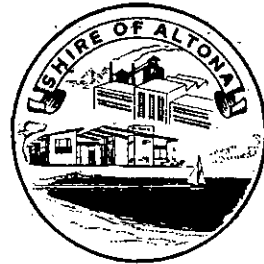
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GERARDUS den DULK

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 2.00 p.m.: 25 Elizabeth Street, Bulleen.
 3.00 p.m.: 383 Mt. Dandenong Road, Croydon.

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11.00 a.m.: 28 Godfrey Ave., East St. Kilda.
 12.30 p.m.: 120 Bridge Road, Eltham.
 2.30 p.m.: 57 Royal Parade, Pascoe Vale South.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27:—

10.30 a.m.: 186 Danks St., A. Park, conj. Mustow.
 10.30 a.m.: 34 Young Street, Albert Park.
 11.00 a.m.: 10 Wallace Grove, Brighton.
 11.15 a.m.: 52 Ashworth St., A. Park, conj. Mustow.
 11.15 a.m.: 247 York St., South Melbourne.
 12.00 noon: 39 Cornwall Road, Sunshine.
 12.00 noon: 12 Regent Street, Elsternwick.
 12.00 noon: 177-179 Victoria Ave., Albert Park, conj. Mustow.
 2.00 p.m.: 40 Oakleigh Road, Ormond.
 3.00 p.m.: 50 Martin Street, Brighton.

SATURDAY, MAY 4:—

10.30 a.m.: 47 Draper Street, South Melbourne.
 10.30 a.m.: 29 Lorne Street, Ascot Vale.
 12.00 noon: 27 Yerrin Street, Balwyn.
 1.30 p.m.: 29 Bunbury Street, Newport.
 3.00 p.m.: 21 Bangalow Street, Kensington.
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SATURDAY, MAY 11:—

10.30 a.m.: 20 Neville St., A. Park, conj. Mustow.
 11.00 a.m.: 125-7 Page St., A. Park, conj. Mustow.
 11.00 a.m.: 121 Page St., A. Park, conj. Mustow.
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 11.00 a.m.: 161 Rosamond Road, Maribyrnong.
 12.00 noon: 285 Flemington Rd., North Melb.
 12.00 noon: Unit 5, 15 St. Georges Road, E'wick.
 2.00 p.m.: 19 Mozart St., St. Kilda, conj. Mustow.

SATURDAY, MAY 18:—

11.00 a.m.: 33 Ferndale Road, U. Ferntree Gully.

SATURDAY, MAY 25:—

10.30 a.m.: 136 Page St., M. Park, conj. Mustow.
 11.00 a.m.: 98 Wright St., M. Park, conj. Mustow.
 11.45 a.m.: 162-4-6 Page Street, Middle Park, conj. Mustow.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1:—

11.30 a.m.: 13 Emerald Rd., Belgrave, conj. F. T. Byrne.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 8:—

10.30 a.m.: 100 Kerferd Road, A. Park, conj. Mustow.
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 11.00 a.m.: 68 Kerferd Road, A. Park, conj. Mustow.
 11.00 a.m.: 70 Kerferd Road, A. Park, conj. Mustow.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22:—

10.30 a.m.: 71-73 Kerferd Road, A. Park, conj. Mustow.
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